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Date of Sailing. 1904. Saturday, 3 p.m.	Steamer.	Tons.	Connecting at Aden with	Tons.
14th May	MOLDAVIA	9777		
21st "	ORIENTAL	5281	HIMALAYA	6898
28th "	PERSIA	7951		
4th June	PENINSULAR	5294	MARMORA	10500
11th "	CALEDONIA	7558		
18th "	ORIENTAL	5281	INDIA	7911
25th "	PENINSULAR	5294		
2nd July	VICTORIA	6522	BRITANNIA	6525
9th "	EGYPT	7912		
16th "	ARABIA	7903	MACEDONIA	10500
23rd "	ORIENTAL	5281		
30th "	VICTORIA	6522	AUSTRALIA	6901
6th Aug	PERSIA	7951		
13th "	ARCADIA	6601	MONGOLIA	9505
20th "	ARABIA	7903		
27th "	VICTORIA	6522	CHINA	7912

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† MARIA VALERIE	P. Berberovich	4,235	20th June "

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S. S. "NUDDEA," 3,000 tons, on or about TUESDAY, 17th May, (with transhipment at Delagoa Bay to Company's Steamers for Inhambane, Chinde, Quillimane and Mozambique.)

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OLYMPIA	C. F. Osborne R.N.R.	5,124	17th June.
NUBIA	R. J. Garrick	3,551	6th July.
BRITANNIA	J. Main	3,069	21st "
MASSILIA	J. Thompson	5,091	10th Aug.

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NOTICE is hereby given to CONSIGNEES who have NOT TAKEN DELIVERY of their GOODS that unless they do so within one week from this date (say 19th instant), the GOODS will be SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION at their risk and expense.

FINLAY, MUIR & Co.,
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Bombay, 12th May, 1904.

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SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Agent of this Railway at his office, Victoria Terminus, Bombay, up to 1 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 25th May, 1904, for the supply up of—

800 tons of RANGOON or MOULMEIN TEAK LOGS of the best quality for delivery before 15th June, 1904.

2. Tenderers to quote a rate per ton of 50 cubic feet delivered at the Company's Locomotive Premises, Parel, and to state the maximum percentage of rejections allowed in the rate.

3. Tenders must be accompanied by the specification of shipment showing clearly that the timber tendered is Rangoon or Moulmein.

4. The Agent does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

G. R. WEBB,
General Storekeeper.

General Storekeeper's Office.
Parel, 12th May, 1904.

MILITARY WORKS SERVICES.

TENDER NOTICE.

TENDERS are hereby INVITED for the CONSTRUCTION of a PIER for the use of the Submarine Mining Company at Manora, Karachi.

2. Drawings of the proposed work may be seen and copies of the Specification and forms of Tender and Conditions of Contract may be obtained at the offices of the respective Commanding Royal Engineers, at Karachi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras.

3. Tenders are to be made on the approved form of Tender only, for which a charge of one rupee will be made.

4. Each tender accompanied by Rs. 1,400 (fourteen hundred) in cash as earnest money, is to be addressed in a sealed envelope superscribed "Tender for Manora Pier," to the Director General of Military Works, Simla; and unless a tender is accompanied by such earnest money it will be rejected.

5. The Contractor whose Tender may be accepted shall be required to deposit Rs. 7,000 (seven thousand) as a security deposit.

6. Tenders will be received by the Director General of Military Works up to NOON on the 20th June, 1904, and will be opened by him at that hour and date.

7. The Director General of Military Works does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

8. For further particulars apply to the undersigned,

H. L. STAFFORD, Major, R.E.,
C. R. E., Sind District.

Karachi, 9th May, 1904.

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	Whole Life Premiums.	Premiums Limited to			Payable at death, or in			
		10 years.	15 years.	20 years.	15 years.	20 years.	25 years.	
	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	
20	21 10	48 8	36 6	30 7	64 5	47 6	37 11	20
21	22 1	49 4	36 14	30 15	64 6	47 8	37 13	21
22	22 9	50 0	37 7	31 7	64 8	47 10	37 15	22
23	23 1	50 12	38 0	31 15	64 9	47 12	38 1	23
24	23 9	51 8	38 10	32 7	64 11	47 14	38 4	24
25	24 2	52 5	39 4	33 0	64 13	48 0	38 7	25
26	24 11	53 2	39 15	33 9	64 15	48 3	38 10	26
27	25 5	54 0	40 10	34 2	65 1	48 6	38 14	27
28	25 15	54 14	41 5	34 12	65 4	48 9	39 2	28
29	26 9	55 13	42 1	35 6	65 7	48 12	39 6	29
30	27 4	56 13	42 13	36 0	65 10	49 0	39 11	30
31	27 15	57 13	43 10	36 11	65 13	49 4	40 0	31
32	28 11	58 14	44 7	37 6	66 0	49 8	40 6	32
33	29 8	59 15	45 4	38 2	66 4	49 13	40 12	33
34	30 6	61 1	46 2	38 15	66 8	50 2	41 3	34
35	31 5	62 4	47 1	39 12	66 13	50 8	41 10	35
36	32 5	63 8	48 0	40 10	67 2	50 14	42 2	36
37	33 5	64 12	49 0	41 9	67 8	51 5	42 11	37
38	34 6	66 1	50 1	42 o	67 14	51 13	43 5	38
39	35 8	67 6	51 3	43 8	68 4	52 5	43 15	39
40	36 11	68 12	52 5	44 9	68 11	52 14	44 10	40
41	38 0	70 3	53 8	45 11	69 3	53 8	45 6	41
42	39 6	71 11	54 12	46 14	69 12	54 3	46 4	42
43	40 13	73 4	56 1	48 2	70 6	55 0	47 3	43
44	42 5	74 13	57 6	49 7	71 0	55 14	48 4	44
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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, MAY 12.

The Bombay Mails of 30th ult., arrived at Brindisi yesterday.

SECURITIES—
2 1-2 per cent. Consols ... £90 7-16 = unchanged
3 do. Rentes ... £96 1-2 = do
3½ do. Indian Sterling Loan ... £107 = do
3½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper ... £66 = do
SILVER—
Spot in London ... 25 15-16 = + 1-8
3 months hence ... 25 3-4 = + 1-8
Spot in New York ... 56 1-8 = + 1-4
EXCHANGES—
Paris cheques ... 25'10 1-2 = unchanged
Berlin „ ... 20'42 = do
New York Demand ... 4'86 7-8 = — 1-8
DISCOUNTS—
Bank of England ... 3 per cent = unchanged
3 months' sight Bank Bills 2 per cent = do
6 „ „ „ 2 1-4 per cent = do
3 „ „ Fine" Trade Bills ... 2 1-2 per cent = do
6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills ... 2 3-4 per cent = do
INTEREST—
Day to day loans ... 1 3-8 per cent = + 1-2
7 day market loans ... 1 1-2 per cent = + 1-8

In Liverpool—Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats quiet. Manchester quiet. Total sales 5,000. Spot 7'50 — 2. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 8 1-8 — 1-16. Sold on speculation and for Export 200. Imports 20,000. Arrivals closed steady.

May-June.	June-July	July-Aug.
7'21	7'19	7'15
— 1	— 1	— 1
Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.
6'92	6'35	6'11
— 1	+ 1	
Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.	
6'04	6'01	

Receipts at U. S. Ports ... 5,000
Do. last year ... 7,100
Exports to Great Britain ... 2,000
Do. do Continent ... 1,000
In New York—
Spot ... 13'35 — 10
Futures, month of July ... 13'45 — 15
Do. do. December ... 11'21 — 5
In New Orleans—
Spot ... 13 11-16 — 13
Futures, month of Aug. ... 12'97 — 16
Do. do. Nov. ... 10'91 — 5
Tone at close ... quiet.
RAPESEED—
Yellow Guzerat 33 M.-J. Sellers } quiet.
Yellow Cawnpore 32 1-2 M.-J. Sellers
COFFEE—
Coffee in New York, 6 3-4.
ARRIVALS—
Steamers—Longdale, Shadwell and Massilia.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, for the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m., on Thursday, 12th May, 1904:—

Cotton	25,16 bales.
Wheat	38,157 cwts.
Linseed	23,275 „
Rape, Ral and Mustard	11,519 „
Gingellyseed	777 „
Poppyseed	13,465 „
Groundnuts	187 „
Castorseed	1,499 „
Rice	10,535 „
Myrabollams	3,758 „
Cottonseed	3,987 „
Mowraseed	nil „
Gram	1686 „
Joowar	3,587 „
Maize	49 „

BOMBAY, FRIDAY, MAY 13.

There has been a little more business passing in Bombay during the week. Cotton locally is very steady, as notwithstanding the poor demand for the staple from Europe, the mills have been daily in the market, and a moderately large turnover has resulted. In the oilseeds markets, prices have advanced all round, and there was a better enquiry from exporters at advancing rates. In wheat also there is more inquiry for export.

Sterling exchange remains very steady, while the quotation for bills on Japan has advanced. Rupee Paper has fluctuated during the week on rumours regarding the new loan, and the proposal to invest the increased currency reserve in sterling loans. Money is quiet.

COTTON.

Reports received from home about Americans during the past week, show the market to be quiet. Prices are declining slowly and it is probable that attention is now concentrated on the growing crop, and the trade is apparently unwilling to enter into fresh commitments, pending more decided reports regarding it. During the current week it is likely that favourable advises of the new crop are to hand, as prices have tended downwards. Receipts at the ports, continue on very small lines compared with last year, and it is the reduced consumption only that is squaring off the small arrivals. On the 6th instant the visible supply was 70,000 bales in excess of that on the corresponding week last year.

The Whitsuntide holidays commence at the end of the next week, and when these are over, we may see an increase in the Lancashire demand. Viewing the statistical position, current prices are not dear and it is quite possible that New York may again come on the bull tack before long.

The following are the daily prices of spot midding cotton in Liverpool and New York since last mail report:—

	Liverpool	New York.
May 6th	7'76	13'90
„ 7th	7'06	13'80
„ 9th	7'58	13'80
„ 10th	7'64	13'75
„ 11th	7'52	13'75
„ 12th	7'50	13'65

In our local market the mills have come out as buyers on a fairly large scale since last mail left. There have been some big sales of yarns on China account, and purchases of the raw material were made against them. There is also some enquiry for contracts for 25th May delivery. The quality of arrivals of saw-ginned Dharwar and Dholera descriptions is not satisfactory, and moderately heavy allowances are given on surveys and appeals.

COTTON STATISTICS.

	Bales.
Receipts for the week	55,229
Receipts from 1st Oct. to May 12th ...	17,50,128
Shipments for week to Europe	39,535
Do. China, Japan, and Coast Ports	530
Total	40,095
Shipments from 1st Oct. to May 12th	
Europe	8,16,317
Japan	2,27,376
China	20,937
Coast Ports	10,949
Total	10,75,579
Afloat in Harbour for Europe	16,731
China, Japan, and Coast Ports	304

The total receipts from 1st October to 12th May show a decline of 276,864 Bales compared with last season, and the total shipments show an increase of 145,142 Bales in the same period.

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM

Tone ... easier
Estimated sales ... bales 5,000
Imports ... do 15,000

May-June.	June-July.	July-Aug.
7'16	7'11	7'07
—3	—8	—3
Aug-Sept	Sept-Oct	Oct.-Nov.
6'81	6'30	6'06
—3	—5	—8
Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.
5'95	5'90	5'93
—5	—5	—5

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association Limited:—

	Fine	F.-G.	Gd.	Delivery
Bengal (H.-G.) (Ry.terms) ...	244	230	223	May 25.
Bengals (M.-G.) (Ry.terms) ...	253	241	...	„
Sind-Punjab (M.-G.) ...	253	241	...	„
Oomrawatee (descriptions) M.-G. ...	253	247	...	„
Khandeish (M.-G.) ...	...	243	235	„
Jalgaum do. ...	...	244	236	„
Khandwa do. ...	...	250	...	„
Khangaum fair staple (M-G) } Karanja do. do. do. Akola do. do. do.	256	249		„
Oomra good staple (M-G)				„
Dhamangaum Poolgaum (MG)	260	253	...	„
Nagpur Kamptee (M-G.) ...	265	258	...	„
Broach (M.-G.) ...	308	298	...	„
Surat (M.G.) ...	324	314	...	„
Bhownugger (M G.) ...	266	255	...	„
Do. (m.G.) ...	263	252	236	„
Muttia (M. G.) ...	249	237	...	„
Dharwar (S.-G) ...	...	...	277	„
Western (M. G.) ...	...	...	271	„
Dhollera (M.-G.) ...	268	257		
Do (H G) ...	265	254		
Compta (M-G) ...	...	...	286	

SEEDS AND WHEAT.

The Oilseed markets have taken a sudden turn upwards and Linseed, Rapeseed and Poppyseed have all advanced 3 to 4 annas per cwt. since last mail left. Home markets slightly improved, and this, coupled with a good demand for ready delivery to complete shipments, made the market very stiff. The excitement which prevailed for a day or two has, however, given way to a quieter feeling, and today rates are again 1 to 2 annas easier, with willing sellers at the decline. Castorseed has also taken part in the upward movement and we have to report an increase of 8 annas to one rupee per candy. Wheat at the begining of the week stiffened considerably, owing to reports of firm markets from the other side, but in this also, a quieter tone prevails at the close.

Week's arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay.

Cotton	56,229 bales
Wheat	2,56,137 cwts
Linseed	1,26,785 „
Rape, Ral and Mustard	88,303 „
Gingellyseed	12,745 „
Poppyseed	65,644 „
Groundnuts	1,842 „
Castorseed	19,435 „
Rice	84,336 „
Myrabollams	31,623 „
Cottonseed	15,402 „
Mowraseed	14 „
Gram	13,478 „
Jowar	40,094 „
Maize	896 „

SEEDS—	Rs.	a.	p.
Linseed.—Tone easier Ready	5	4	0
Rapeseed.—Tone easier			
Brown Cawnpore, Ready.	4	14	0
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready.	5	4	0
Yellow Guzerat, Ready	5	6	0
Poppyseed.—Tone easier Ready	5	5	0
Castorseed—Tone quiet Ready	20	0	0

WHEAT.—Tone quiet
Soft red Ahmedabad. Rs. 28
Club, No. 1 ... Rs. 27-4
Hard Red ... Rs. 24

FREIGHT.

This market has been quiet during the week under review with little enquiry from shippers. Quotations are 13s. 6d. for Marseilles, 14s. for other continental ports and Liverpool, and 15s. for Trieste, Venice, all May loading, 13s. 9d. picked ports June loading, and 13s. 6d. open ports July to December. The charters reported are the steamer "Kilbrennan" at 14s. May loading, and the steamer "Counsellor" at 13s. 6d. June loading.

MONEY.

BANK RATE.—
Bank of England since 21st April 3 per cent.
Bank of Bombay do 10th Mar. 5 do
Bank of Bengal do 14th April 5 do
Bank of Madras do 22nd Jan. 7 do

The following is the Weekly Statement of the Bank of Bombay for the week ending 7th May last, as compared with that of the previous week:—

LIABILITIES.	Rs.	
Public Deposits	13,93,170	Decrease.
Other Deposits	38,22,523	Increase.
Sundries	51,573	Increase.
ASSETS.		
Government Securities ...	4,17,904	Increase.
Other Authorized Securities ...	1,032	Decrease.
Credits on Securities ...	5,08,441	Increase.
Loans, do. ...	14,84,366	Decrease.
Bills discounted & purchased ...	1,52,302	Increase.
Balance with other Banks ...	1,39,087	Increase.
Sundries	19,678	Increase.
Cash	27,39,896	Increase.

These figures show a decline in the Trade Demand of nearly 47 lakhs.

The Bank of Bengal weekly cash balance is 26 lakhs up and that of the Bank of Madras is 3 1-4 lakhs up. The official rates are unchanged in the three Presidency Banks. The money market is quieter locally and rates for short fixed deposits is reduced to 2 1-2 per cent. per annum. Gold continues to arrive from Australia and further shipments are advised by telegram.

PAPER CURRENCY RESERVE.

The following are the latest returns as published in the "Gazette of India" for the 30th April:—

	Rs.
Silver coin	9,90,85,687
Gold coin and bullion	16,20,38,702
Silver held as security	2,210

Total of notes in circulation Rs. 36,11,06,545.

COUNCIL BILLS.

The total amount of bills sold during the week ending on Tuesday evening was 52'60 lakhs. On Wednesday at the weekly allotment the same rates were obtained for the Fifty lakhs put up for tender as were received last week, viz. 1s. 4 1-32d. for bills to the amount of Rs. 31'60 lakhs and 1s. 4 1-16d. for telegraphic transfers to the amount of Rs. 18'40 lakhs, tenderers at these rates receiving 19 per cent Extra allotments were made to the extent of Rs. 10,000 in bills at 1s. 4 1-16d. For next week the amount to be alloted is Rs. fifty lakhs.

The mail of the 29th April brings £50,000 silver and £70,000 gold, and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta ... Rs. 17,00,000
Bombay ... „ 16,80,000
Madras ... „ 38,0,000
Total...Rs. 37,60,000.

The mail of the 6th May brings £120,000 silver and £50,000 gold, and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta ... Rs. 15,00,000
Bombay ... „ 16,30,000
Madras ... „ 4,60,600
Total...Rs. 35,90,003

The mail of the 13th May brings £250,000 silver and £50,000 gold, and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta ... Rs. 15,19,000
Bombay ... „ 8,50,000
Madras ... „ 7,30,000
Total...Rs. 31,70,000

EXCHANGE.

In sterling exchange there is nothing fresh to report. Quotations remain unchanged from day to-day. There has been some inquiry from the bazaar for Bank Demand at 1s. 4 1-16d. which was freely met by the sellers, and Bank T. T. has occasionally been available at the same rate, though the general quotation is 1s. 4 1-32d. In Mercantile paper quotations are all unaltered, 3 months' sight credits D. A. at 1s. 4 7-32d. from May to October, with 6 months' sight D. A. at 1s. 4 5-16d. for near delivery. The tone of the market is quite steady and 3 months sight bills offered at 1s. 4 3-16d. are refused by the Banks except in combination with other business. China rates have moved up since last week and there are buyers of 30 days sight Japan bills at 148, with few coming out at the rate.

Exchange—Tone steady.
Bank T.T. ... 1s. 4 1-32d.
Bank Demand ... 1s. 4 1-16d.
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight D. A. 1s. 4 7-32d.
Do 6 do do 1s. 4 5-16d.
French Francs 3 do do ... 170 1-4
Marks 3 do do ... 138 1-2
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight ... 131 1-2
Shanghai 30 do do ... 181
Japan 30 do do ... 148

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

This market has declined since last mail left. Under the impression that a portion of the new rupee loan was to be taken up for the currency reserve, rates were advanced to 98-12 for the approaching settlement. When this rumour was contradicted the market gave way, and the rate gradually declined to 98-2. This price attracted buyers, and rates again advanced closing steady at 98-5. A moderately large business has been put through during the week.

3 1-2 per cent. cash ... Rs. 98-7
3 1-2 per cent 31st May ... Rs. 98-5
3 per cent ready ... Rs. 85-8

	Repayable.	Rate.
4 per cent Bombay Port Trust	... 1923	104 4
4 per cent „ „	... 1930	104 12
4 per cent „ „	... 1932	104 12
4 per cent Bombay Municipal	... 1926	103 4
4 per cent „ „	... 1943	103 12
6 per cent „ „	... Tansa	116 117
5 per cent „ „	... Sanitary	115 116
4 per cent Bo. Improvmt Trust	... 1959	103 4
4 per cent	... 1962	103 4

BULLION.

The fluctuations in the silver market during the week have been small. The Indian demand for the metal has slackened, but the price is maintained owing to steadier advices from London. In gold there is a small business passing.

	Rs.	a.	p.
English Bar Gold	24	0	0
Australian Bar Gold	24	0	3
Bombay do	24	0	0
English Shield Sovereigns	15	2	3
Do. Dragons	15	0	0
Silver ex-duty Ready	65	4	0
Do. 1st settlement	65	4	0
Do. 2nd do.	65	0	0

PIECE GOODS.

The market has been quiet during the week, and prices are giving way. Demand from up-country is slack and nothing is reported to have been done in either ready or forward delivery.

LOCAL YARNS.

The yarn market continues very firm and fully 40,000 to 50,000 bales have changed hands since our last report. China is wiring fresh orders daily and prices are fully 1-4 higher.

METALS.

Prices of copper and yellow metal have declined locally as well as at home, and no fresh business was put through. Iron and steel are steady and business is reported in galvanized iron sheets, bar iron and basic steel sheets, but at reduced prices. Spelter and pig lead are quiet. Quicksilver declining with little doing.

COALS.

The market is quiet. Small sales are reported of Jardines Navigation at Rs. 10-12 and of British India Company's Deshergar at Rs. 11-10.

SHARES.

The market is steady but quiet. Bank of Bombay shares in the beginning of the week were reported to have changed hands at Rs. 1,280 but later on they have advanced to Rs. 1,290. Commercials are in demand at Rs. 42. In Railway Companies Ahmedabad Prantej are unchanged at Rs. 487 1-2. Tapti Valley have improved to Rs. 392 1-2. In Press Companies, Mofussils after touching Rs. 540 have again declined to Rs. 525. Indian Cotton are quite at Rs. 166 1-4, Hingolees at Rs. 157 1-2. New Berars are in demand at Rs. 545. In Miscellaneous list. Badham Piles are unchanged at Rs. 157 cum dividend. Bombay Burmahs have changed hands at and about Rs. 7,475, quarter shares are reported to have changed hands at Rs 187. Delhi Flour have changed hands at Rs 185, Kemps are unchanged at Rs 255. Treachers have advanced to Rs 545. Bombay Telephones have changed hands at Rs 24 1-2. Port Cannings are steady at Rs 410. In Mill Companies. Centrals have declined to Rs 1,510 cum-dividend. Swadeshis are reported to have changed hands at Rs. 825 ex-divid. Davids are unchanged at Rs 205 ex-divid. Standards have advanced to Rs 390 cum-dividend Kohinoors are steady at Rs 327 1-2. ex-dividend Manekji Petits have ruled at about Rs. 1960. ex-divid. Morarjees are unchanged at Rs. 1,720. ex-divid. and Sholapurs at Rs. 1830. ex-divid. Chinas have changed hands at and about Rs. 555 Framjee Pitits have improved to Rs. 585. ex-dividend Southern Marathas are quiet at Rs. 12[illegible]. The rest of the Company are all unchanged and quiet at previous quotations.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, MAY 12.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed ... quiet
Surats ... steady
Good Bhownuggar ...
The Manchester Market has been ... quiet
2 1-2 per cent Consols ... 90 7-16
3 per cent Rentes ... ...
3 1-2 per cent Sterling Loan ... ...
3 1-2 per cent Rupee Papers ... 66
Bar Silver ... 25 15-16

The Bank of England returns for the week ending yesterday show the following results:—Total Bullion £33,400,000, Decrease £4,00,000; Public Deposits £7,100,000, Decrease £4,00,000; Other Deposits £40,800,000; Decrease £12,0[illegible],000, Government Securities £17,200,000, Decrease £103,000, Other Securities £25,100,000, Decrease £1,400,000; Notes and Gold £23,400,000, Decrease 300,000. The Banks Reserve is 49 per cent. of the Liabilities.

GOLD AND SILVER.

I.—Imports and Exports of Gold and Silver during the official year 1903-1904.

	Imports.	GOLD. Exports.	Not Imports.
In the month of Mar. 1904—			
Weight in ounces...	395,489	50,980	344,509
Value in rupees ...	2,42,55,201	28,95,172	2,13,60,029
To the end of the month of Mar. 1904— Progressive—			
Weight in ounces...	3,332,977	1,764,229	1,568,748
Value in rupees ...	20,14,78,691	10,21,62,397	9,93,1[illegible]
	Imports.	SILVER. Exports.	Net Imports.
In the month of Mar. 1904—			
Weight in ounces ...	13,473,271	4,402,074	9,071,197
Value in rupees ...	2,66,70,421	1,03,42,100	1,63,28,3[illegible]
To the end of the month of Mar. 1904— Progressive—			
Weight in ounces ...	104,324,765	25,749,293	78,575,469
Value in rupees ...	19,98,13,659	6,05,60,534	13,92,53,125
	Imports.	TOTAL. Exports.	Net Imports.
In the month of Mar. 1904—			
Weight in ounces ...	...		
Value in rupees ...	5,09,25,627	1,32,37,272	3,76,88,355
To the end of the month of Mar. 1904— Progressive—			
Weight in ounces ...			
Value in rupees ...	40,12,92,358	16,27,22,631	23,85,69,722

II.—Silver received and coined in the Mints during the official year 1903-1904.

COINS AND BULLION RECEIVED (ASSAY VALUE).	Calcutta. Rs.	Bombay. Rs.	Total, Rs.
In the month of Mar. 1904 (Progressive)	28,02,095	2,02,81,395	2,30,83,491
To the end of the month of Mar. 1904	5,78,20,912	14,51,39,066	20,30,59,973
COINED AND EXAMINED.	Calcutta, Rs.	Bombay, Rs.	Total, Rs.
In the month of Mar. 1904	69,18,027	2,03,26,464	2,72,44,491
To the end of the month of Mar. 1904 (Progressive)	6,8[illegible],40,523	13,93,39,413	20,82,79,963

BANK OF BOMBAY.

THE following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bombay for the week ending the 33rd April, as compared with the statement of the 7th May:—

LIABILITIES.	April 30. Rs.	April 23. Rs.
Capital	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	84,00,000	84,00,000
Public Deposits at Head Office	53,19,851	49,99,5[illegible]
Public Deposits at Branches	83,21,622	72,48,7[illegible]
Other Deposits	5,16,87,820	5,85,10,3[illegible]
Post Bills	11,651	22,609
Sundries	15,46,544	15,91,117
Rs.	8,82,87,487	9,07,79,371
ASSETS.		
Government Securities	1,08,05,695	1,12,2[illegible],589
Other authorised Securities	13,04,849	13,02,8[illegible]7
Credits on Govt. and other authorised Securities	69,03,313	74,12,774
Loans do. do. do.	1,61,23,181	1,46,38,815
Bills discounted and purchased	2,84,08,191	2,84,66,530
Dead Stock	3,55,392	3,55,39[illegible]
Stamps and Stationery	3,335	3,303
Balances with other Banks	14,16,960	15,56,047
Sundries	2,20,197	2,39,857
Cash	2,28,15,347	2,57,25,443
Rs.	8,82,87,487	9,07,79,371

RAILWAY RETURNS.

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 9th April 1904, on 504-67 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	1,30,000	2,40,000	4,000	3,74,000
Or per mile of Railway	258	475	8	741
For previous 17 weeks of half-year	15,96,285	27,75,199	63,650	44,35,141
Totl for 18 weeks...	17,26,285	30,15,199	67,660	48,09,144
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	1,03,770	2,76,725	2,607	3,83,102
Per mile of Ry. do.	225	600	6	831
Total to corresponding date do.	15,51,112	33,07,325	48,661	49,10,098

Decrease for the week ... Rs. 9,102
Increase to date ... „ 1,10,954

RAJPUTANA-MALWA RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 9th April, 1904, on 1,643·19 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic, Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated).	Total Earnings
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the 14 weeks	1,27,000	2,50,000	7,000	3,84,000
Or per mile of Railway	78	152	4	234
For previous week of half-year.	17,42,823	36,48,365	72,956	54,64,144
Total for 15 weeks.	18,69,823	38,98,365	79,956	58,48,144
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	1,34,555	3,12,889	4,099	4,51,543
Per mile of Ry. do.	82	190	3	275
Total to corresponding date do.	20,32,218	46,87,548	1,13,322	68,33,088

Decrease for the week ... Rs. 67,543
Do. to date ... „ 9,84,944

PALANPUR-DEESA RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 9th December, 1903, on 17·28 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	300	100	..	400
Or per mile of Railway	17	6	..	93
For previous 17 weeks of half-year	5,310	9,354	18	7,712
Total for 18 weeks...	5,640	9,454	18	8,119
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	306	355	...	618
Per mile of Ry. do.	18	20	...	
Total to corresponding date do.	5,939	813	43	

Decrease for the week ... Rs. 261
Do. to date ... „ 713

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

The following is the comparative statement of traffic earnings for the week ending 7th May 1904.

	Coaching Traffic.	Goods Traffic.	Sundry Receipts.	Total for the week
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Approximate earnings for week ending 7th May 1904— G I P R system...	2,60,655	7,60,025	3,366	10,24,044
I M R do ...	59,741	1,78,238	489	2,38,464
Total	3,20,369	9,38,257	3,855	12,62,508
Actuals for corresponding week ending 9th May, 1903— G I P R system...	2,33,624	8,95,143	4,153	11,30,920
I M R do ..	58,746	1,57,843	436	2,17,025
Total	2,92,370	10,50,986	4,589	13,47,945
Increase or { G I P R	+ 27,321	−1,35,118	− 787	−1,06,876
Decrease... { I M R	+ 995	+ 20,391	+ 53	+ 21,439

HOME REMITTANCES.

The Treasury, Calcutta, 23rd April 1901.

The Weekly Memorandum of Remittances to the Home Treasury by means of Council Bills.

1. Amount to be remitted during 1904-05 ... £16,500,000
2. Remitted from 1st April 1904 to 23rd April 1904 ... £ 1,258,355
3. Balance to be remitted from 24th April to 31st March 1905 ... £15,241,?9

ADVICE TO MOTHERS!—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain and the little cherub awakes as bright as a button. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhoea whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS and MEMORIAM Notices (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Rs. 2 for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

MUSSOORIE.

DEATH.

RIVETT CARNAC.—May 7th, at Mussoorie Louis Rivett-Carnac, Administrator General, Bombay.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

TAIT—May 8, At Negapatam the wife of Mr M. Tait, of a son.

VAN HAEFTEN—May, 6, At Coonda, the wife of Mr J M Van Haeften of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

KING—CARDOZO—May 9, at Ramnad, Edward Oakes, third son of the late Henry Oakes King, I C S Bengal to Caroline Marie, daughter of H O C Cardozo, C I E.

PETERSON—WOOD—May 2, at Bangalore by the Rev K Anderson, William Ernest Peterson, to Mary Wilhelmina Woods (widow).

DEATH.

MINCHIN—May 8, at "Clovelly," Ootacamund John William Minchin, from pneumonia, aged 67.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 25m. Sun sets, 6h. 26m. High water 10-49m., 10-30a. Low water, 4-12m., 4-40a.

P. and O. s.s. Persia, with English mails of 29th ult., due to arrive at 6 a.m.

Royal Bombay Yacht Club races.

Aga Khan Hockey Tournament.

SUNDAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 25m. Sun sets, 6h. 27m., High water, 11-27m., 11-14 a. Low water, 4-47 m., 5-20a.

Prize distribution, Dusa Oswal Jain School, Khadak, 1-30 p.m.

A POLICEMAN'S WIFE.—Mr. J. Sanders Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, discharged Amiroee, Isakhag, Chandbee, Saidubeg, and Shamshudin, who were charged with enticing away Husseinbee wife of Abdul Karim, Police Constable, No. 244 B., no case having been made out against them.

BOMBAY MANDVIE-KHADAK CUTCHHI DUSAOSVAL JAIN PATHSHALA.—The annual prize-distribution to the students of the Cutchhi Dusa Oswal Jain Pathshala will be held to-morrow at 2 p. m., in the premises of the Cutchhi Dusa Oswal Mahajanwadi. Mr. Veerchand Deepchand, J. P., C. I. E., will preside.

CAUSING OBSTRUCTION.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday before Mr. J. W.S. Dracup, Third Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Power charged Manilal Lalji and nineteen others with causing obstruction on a public thoroughfare. Mr. Power said the accused formed parts of two crowds collected in Shaik Memon Street yesterday at 2-30 p. m. carrying on speculation and caused obstruction to the traffic. Out of the big crowds he was only able to arrest these men. The first seven accused, who were servants, were fined Rs. 5 each and the rest Rs. 10 each.

MUSIC AT THE VICTORIA GARDENS.—By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. S. J. Sarjant and officers the Band of the 1st Battalion G. I. P. Railway Volunteers will play the following programme of music under the direction of Mr. A. Mallandaine, Bandmaster, commencing at 5-45 p. m. to-day:—

March	Olympia	Tom Clark
Selection	La Regina Di Golconda	Donizetti
Serenade	The Warblers	J Parry
Selection	The Gesha	S Jones
Summer Idylle	Hiawatha	Neil Moret
Valse	Viemoise	Kzibulka

RASH DRIVING.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday, before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, Third Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Coady charged Tatia Govind, a hack victoria driver, with rash and negligent driving. The evidence showed that on Sunday evening about 8-30 p. m. Mr. R. H. Isaacs, of Messrs. David Sassoon and Company was driving along the Esplanade Road. When he came near the Watson's Hotel the accused's carriage came at a rapid rate from the opposite direction and collided with Mr. Isac's horse. The horse was knocked down and Mr. Isac as well as his coachman fell off the carriage. The carriage was also damaged. The Magistrate sentenced the accused to pay a fine of Rs. 50, or in default to undergo one month's rigorous imprisonment. The fine if recovered was ordered to be paid to the complainant as compensation.

BOMBAY PHILATELISTS' DINNER.—An interesting social function took place on Thursday evening, when the members of the Bombay Union Stamp Club entertained a few friends at their first annual dinner probably the first of its kind ever held in Bombay, in the private dining room of the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel. An excellently prepared and equally well served repast, kept the small but extremely jovial company in the very best of humour. Amongst the toasts of the evening that of his Majesty the King-Emperor was given, received and honoured with loyal enthusiasm. The lithographed menu card was a smart bit of work of art and merit. It practically illustrated the whole history of stamps, and philately in general, from its earliest beginning to the present day, including some beautiful reproductions in colours of the greatest varieties, not excluding the now famous twopenny blue Post Office, Mauritius, a copy of which sold recently at a sale in London for £1,450-0-0

A SUGGESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—The climate in these regions has been, as usual during this period of the year, very warm. The consequence it has on one's physique is fatigue and weariness, which greatly check him from doing the usual course of his work, not to say anything of his health. Would it not therefore be a public boon if the Chamber of Commerce were to come forward and suggest some alterations in the working hours of the day? Could the present official hours which are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. be altered from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a period of about two months, say from 15th April to 15th June which are

TEDIOUS DAYS.

Bombay May, 12

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR T. A. SAVAGE, V. D., COMMANDING, B. V. R.

Bombay, 14th May.

1 Extract from the "Gazette of India" Military Department, dated Simla the 29th April 1904 is published for information:—

Medals and Decorations.

No. 403.—His Excellency the Governor-General of India is pleased to confer the Volunteer Officers' Decoration upon the undermentioned Officer of the Indian Volunteer Force Lieutenant-Colonel Eustace Ferrers Nicholson, Bombay Volunteer Rifles.

By Order
G. D. PRICE, Captain,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY,

REGIMENTAL ORDERS, BY MAJOR A. LESLIE COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, 11th May.

I. Members who have not returned their arms and accoutrements to Head Quarters are requested to do so at once.

By Order,
A. STIFFE, Capt. R. A.,
Adjt. B. V. A.

THE OPIUM REVENUE.

The following are the Bengal opium sale proceeds in April 1904, and Malwa opium pass duty in and to end of March 1904, compared with the estimates:—

Presidency.	Budget. Estimate.	Actual.	Better than Estimate.	Worse than Estimate.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
In April, 1904—Bengal	50,00,000	69,69,695	19,69,695	...
In March, 1904—Bombay	8,00,[illegible]	7,60,750	......	39,250

One sale of Bengal opium and twelve month's pass duty on opium exported from Bombay:—

Presidency.	Estimate.	Actual.	Better than Estimate.	Worse than Estimate.
To end of April, 1904—(Budget Estimate.) Bengal	Rs. 50,00,000	Rs. 69,69,695	Rs. 19,69,695	Rs. ......
To of end Mar. 1904—(Revised Estimate) (1903-04) Bombay	1,31,00,000	1,30,70,750	......	29,250

THE British soldier in India is now so well paid that a thrifty man can save quite a round sum in a few years, especially if he is a "single man in barracks," with no family expenses. That thrift is being exercised in many cases is proved by the recent issue of a G. O. C. C. in which it is notified that a depositor in the Post Office Savings Bank cannot have more than Rs. 2,000 to his credit, further exclusive of interest, the inference being that soldiers are known to have put by more than this amount. Attention is accordingly directed to the fact that savings may be invested through the Post Office in Government securities carrying a higher rate of interest than that paid by the Savings Bank. There is, of course nothing to prevent a man buying Government Paper, bearing 3 1-2 per cent interest, whenever he chooses; it is the facilities accorded to such transactions, for small sums, through the Post Office that really require to be generally made known. The British soldier as an investor is the latest product of the age, and he should be encouraged to proceed steadily on the road that lies open to him. When he reverts to civil life he will find his nest-egg of very great value to him; if he were in France he would be classed as a rentier with a stake in the country.

LUXURY FOR THE SKIN.

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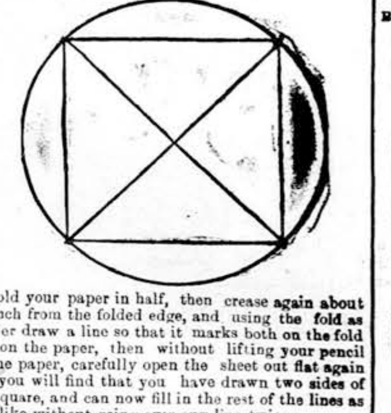
GAMES, PUZZLES & FROLIC FOR YOUNG PEOPLE,

BY

THE PUZZLER.

THE ONE STROKE PUZZLE.

GET a pencil and piece of white paper and see whether you can draw this figure without lifting your pencil from the paper, or covering any line twice. You will soon discover that no matter where you start one line will always be missing. I will tell you how to go to work to fulfil the conditions, and then you can catch your friends.



Fold your paper in half, then crease again about an inch from the folded edge, and using the fold as a ruler draw a line so that it marks both on the fold and on the paper, then without lifting your pencil off the paper, carefully open the sheet out flat again and you will find that you have drawn two sides of the square, and can now fill in the rest of the lines as you like without going over any line twice.

A BALL FOR BABY.

You can make baby a nice ball and rattle combined out of any odds and ends of wool you may have or can collect. First of all put some peas or tiny stones inside a little box, a pill box will answer the purpose, and then round this wind your "odds and ends," such as the ravellings of old stockings or anything soft. When you have got your ball a nice size and shape, pass a piece of string four times round the ball so as to divide it into eight parts, like the quarters of an orange. Thread a wool needle with bright coloured wool, and put it round the ball, putting the needle under one piece of string, and then back round it so as to cover the string and make it firm, then under and over the next piece of string and so on, working round and round in stripes until all the string and the ball are covered. You can join all your odd pieces of wool together, for the brighter it is the better baby will like it, only take care to work all the knots inside.

THE ANGRY OCEAN.

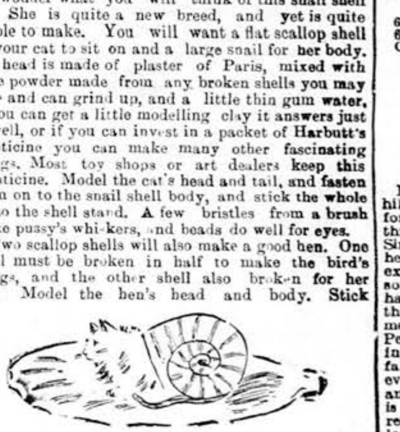
"Mother, this book tells about the angry waves of the ocean. Now what makes the ocean get angry?" "Because it has been 'crossed' so often, my son," replied the mother.

THE EGG AND THE HOOP.

For this simple little trick you will want an ordinary hen's egg, and a child's hoop of either wood or iron. You now tell your friends that when you have laid the egg on the floor they will be unable to break it with the hoop. They will laugh, and doubt your powers of protecting so frail a thing as an egg from the effects of a blow from an iron hoop, but "he laugh best who laughs last," and when you have placed the egg right in the angle of the floor in the corner of the room the laugh will be on your side, for your friends will find that they cannot touch the egg with the hoop at all.

A SNAIL SHELL, NOT A TORTOISE SHELL CAT.

I wonder what you will think of this snail shell cat. She is quite a new breed, and yet is quite simple to make. You will want a flat scallop shell for your cat to sit on and a large snail for her body. The head is made of plaster of Paris, mixed with some powder made from any broken shells you may have and can grind up, and a little thin gum water. If you can get a little modelling clay it answers just as well, or if you can invest in a packet of Harbutt's Plasticine you can make many other fascinating things. Most toy shops or art dealers keep this Plasticine. Model the cat's head and tail, and fasten them on to the snail shell body, and stick the whole on to the shell stand. A few bristles from a brush make pussy's whiskers, and beads do well for eyes. Two scallop shells will also make a good hen. One shell must be broken in half to make the bird's wings, and the other shell also broken for her tail. Model the hen's head and body. Stick a half shell on either side for wings, and two halves sticking up for her tail. Place the bird on another scallop shell for a nest and you have another pretty ornament. When they are quite dry you can paint them.



ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLES.

A Word Diamond—

D
RED
RECUR
DECIMAL
DUMPY
RAY
L

Beheaded Words—
Florida. F-our, l-ash, o-men, r-age, i-deal, d-over, a-mend.

Pied Proverbs—
1. Prevention is better than cure.
2. One good turn deserves another.
3. Still waters run deep.

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A LADY'S GAMBLING DEBTS.

IN the King's Bench Division Mr. Justice Kennedy heard an action brought by Foster and Co., commission agents, against Mrs. De Courcy Bowers, of Cardigan-gate, Richmond, to recover £445 10s. the balance of gambling debts. The bets in question were made for the lady by Major Giles in the Royal enclosure at Ascot in 1899. The lady's luck was out, and she had had a very bad week losing the amount now sued for. The defence was that the account rendered by the plaintiffs was inaccurate, and that, owing to the death of Major Giles who was killed in the Boer war she was unable to say to what extent it was wrong. She further set up the Gaming Acts, and relied upon them as her defence to the claim.

Plaintiffs' counsel said that one of the horses was backed both ways, and his lordship, in his innocence, might imagine that meant being backed either to win or to lose (Laughter.)

Mr. Justice Kennedy: Innocence has its limits. (Laughter.)

In the result the learned Judge held that the Gaming Acts constituted a good defence to this action, and entered judgment for the defendant, with costs.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m. yesterday give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Plague. Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper Colaba, Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	[illegible]	[illegible]	5
B Mandvi, Chakla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	[illegible]	[illegible]	16
C Market, Bhuleshwar, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada	[illegible]	[illegible]	15
D Khetwady, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Mahalakshmi	[illegible]	[illegible]	6
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla, and 1st Nagpada	[illegible]	[illegible]	17
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	[illegible]	[illegible]	16
G Mahim, Worli	[illegible]	[illegible]	6
Water	[illegible]	[illegible]	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	[illegible]	[illegible]	0
Hospitals	[illegible]	[illegible]	7
Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	88
Total plague deaths to date	275,417	227,294	
Same date last year	68	55	130

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DIVINE SERVICES.

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION.

ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion—Choral Woodward in F flat.
Hymns—147, 315, 320 and 301.
5 p.m.—Children's Service
5 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon
Hymns—217, 144 and 300.
Collections for—S P C K
Daily Matins at 6-45 a.m. and Evensong at 5 p.m.
Daily Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.
(Colaba Causeway.)

8 a.m.—Parade Service Preacher—Rev. C Ryder-Smith B A.
6 p.m.—Evening Service, Preacher—Rev. C. Ryder-Smith B. A.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
8-30 to 9-30 p.m.—Social Hour.
(Wesleyan Church, Victoria Gardens, Byculla.
9-30 a.m.—Preacher—Rev A. J. Revnell.
6 p.m.—Preacher—Rev. A. J. Revnell
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PAREL.
(Madras Time)

8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Communion
6-30 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.
Hymns—147, 210 and 197.
No evening Service.

CHRIST CHURCH, BYCULLA.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion—(Choral).
Hymns—202, 301, 316 and 120.
6 p. m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Hymns—299, 300 and 231.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, COLABA.
(Afghan Memorial Church.)

8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Communion.
7 a.m.—Parade Service.
5 p. m.—Sunday School.
6 p. m.—Evensong, Choral and Sermon.
Offertories—during the day for Church Expenses.

THE UNITED FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.
(Wandby Road.)

11 a. m.—United Service, (St Andrew's Church.)
5 p.m.—Evening Service.—Rev. W. G. Robertson B. D.
Hymns—289, 181, 287 and 288.
Par—2.

ST. NICHOLAS' SEAMEN'S CHURCH.

Opposite the Main Gate of Prince's Dock.
6 p.m.—Evening and Sermon.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MALABAR HILL.

6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

BAPTIST CHURCH.
(Bellasis Road, opposite Byculla Club.)

8-30 a. m.—Morning Service.—Speaker Rev. J. O'Brien.
6 p.m.—Evening Service—Speaker Rev. J. O'Brien.
5 p.m.—Sunday School.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
Hymns—149, 323 and 150.
5 p. m. Childrens Service.
6 p. m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Hymns—147, 301 and 300.
Offertories for Church Expenses.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON.

6 a. m.—Holy Eucharist.
7 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with Hymn
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
by Rev. Father Langmore.
Alms for Church Expenses.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.
(Church of Scotland.)

11 a. m.—Morning Service.
Psalm—121—Tune 80
Hymn—11—Tune 1st.
Hymn—15—Tune 1st
Hymn—170—Tune 1st.
4-30 p. m. Sunday School.
p. m.—Evening Service.
Psalm—65—Tune 147.
Hymn—65—Tune 2nd.
Hymn—8—Tune 2nd.
Hymn—233—Tune 2nd.
Anthem.

BOWEN MEMORIAL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
(Apollo Bunder.)

9-15 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.
11 a.m.—Divine Service.
6 p.m.—Divine Service Preacher—Rev. L. A. Core.
All Seats free and Strangers cordially invited.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

6 p.m.—Evening Prayer, and Sermon.
6 p.m.—Evensong Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon.
Collections for the Church expenses and Poor.

THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA, MAY 13.

Friday.—The depression which was entering the hills yesterday has disappeared, while that which was forming near Multan had advanced eastward through the south Punjab to the neighbourhood of Sirsa. The barometer has fallen very rapidly at the head of the Bay, but apparently there is no storm in existence in that locality. Winds have returned to southward at the head of the Bay, otherwise there has not been much change. The westerly winds over the central parts of the country are very strong. The mean temperature has generally risen over the Peninsula but has fallen elsewhere, more particularly in the northwest where at several stations, the fall exceeds five degrees. The temperature, however, still exceeds the normal over northwestern and Central India and a maximum of 117 degrees is reported from Jacobabad. Rain has been received over Burma, northeast India, the Himalayas and Sub-Himalayas, part of the west Ganjetic plain and the south of the Peninsula. The principal amounts are 4·58 ins. at Berhampore, 2·95 ins. at Silchar and an inch or over at Akyab, Chittagong, Tezpur, Mangalore and Mercara. The weather is in an unsettled state over the head of the Bay and Deltaic Bengal and thunderstorms will continue over Burma, Assam and Bengal. Further showers are also probable in the northwest from the Punjab; depression and thunder showers continue likely over the south Peninsular.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON FRIDAY THE 13TH MAY.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has begun to fall again in Sind and Kathiawar and in the Punjab, and has risen slightly on the West Coast. Gradients are consequently steeper again to-day.

Winds are variable in direction and the force has been strong to a gale in Lower Sind, Cutch and Kathiawar and moderate to fresh in other places.

Temperature.—The day temperature does not vary much from normal but the night temperature is from 11° to 12° in excess at Sirsa and Lahore. The maximum varied from 118° at Jacobabad to 86° at Veraval and the minimum from 88° at Sirsa to 68° at Ahmednagar.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy to overcast in Mysore, the Madras Presidency, on the Malabar Coast and at Rajkot, Karachi and Allahabad.

Rain.—Over an inch and a quarter of rain fell at Mangalore and light to moderate showers at Colombo, Calicut, Bellary, Bangalore, Belgaum, Bijapur, Sholapur and Delhi.

Weather in Sind, the Punjab, Cutch, Kathiawar, Gujarat, Central India and Central Provinces is unsettled. Conditions are favourable for thunder and lightning with local showers in the southerly portion of the Peninsula. The sea is still reported rough at Colombo, Dwarka and Veraval.

E. A. KENYON,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 12th May, 1904.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 deg. Fah.	inches	29·760
Temperature of the air	degrees	85·5
Wet Bulb Thermometer		78·4
Dew Point		75·9
Relative humidity of Air		0·783
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded 10)		2·3
Maximum temperature of air (read at 3 p.m.) next day	degrees	91·3
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.)		80·9
General Directions of wind		NW, WNW.
Movement of Wind in 24 hours miles*		[illegible]

*From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS,
Director, Government Observatory.

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

MAY 13.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN—Via Teheran, perfect Via Turkey perfect, Via Suez, perfect.

CONTINENT OF EUROPE—Via Teheran, perfect Via Turkey perfect. Via Suez perfect.

AMERICA—Via Brest perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.

AUSTRALIA—Via Penang, perfect. via Amoor perfect.

CHINA.—Via Penang, perfect, Via Amoor, perfect. Via Bhamo, perfect.

AFRICA—Via Aden, perfect, Via Cadis Teneriffe, perfect Via Lisbon. St. Vincent, perfect.

Cable Cayenne—Pinheros, interrupted 4-3-03.

Cable Dominique—Martinique, and St. Lucia—Martinique interrupted.

Telegrams will be conveyed frequently by steamers (14-5-03). Cable communication with Martinique is open via Lisbon and Cadiz.

Telegrams are accepted at sender's risk, and Code addresses should not be used, (4-8-03).

Cables between Vladivostok and Nagasaki are closed for an indefinite period to all classes of telegrams, (18-2-04).

The Vladivostok Route being temporarily closed.

Telegrams via China for Europe and places beyond should bear in the preamble the indication via Kiachta the charges are the same as by the Vladivostock route, (22-3-04).

Cable between Dahor and Consky interrupted consequently telegram over that section are transmitted by land lines and are subject to delay (14-4-1.)

Moulmein route to Siam interrupted.

Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m., of the 13th May, 1904.

(Difference in Longitude allowed for.)

Via.	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time occupied in transmission. Hours.	Minutes
Turkey	11	7	35 p.m.	43	39
Teheran	13	2	23 a.m.	...	35
Suez	13	3	0 p.m.	...	9

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay during the 24 hours ending 8 p.m. of the 8th May, 1904.

—	Maximum Time H.	M.	Minimum Time H.	M.
From Calcutta	2	31	0	1
Karachi	0	33	0	2
Madras	0	43	0	9

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THE B I S N Co's steamer Sauthia, 3352 tons, Captain R Phillips, arrived in harbour to-day from Calcutta 1st May, with a cargo of coal.

THE Austrian Lloyd's S N Co's steamer Trieste, 3233 tons, Captain E Mecozzi, from Kobe 8th April via intermediate ports with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr P Talati, Mr Harisvala, Mr Sorabjee, Mr Banjee, Mr Dorabjee Nowrojee, Mr Zobyabhoy Lt Harris, Young, Dudley, Waves, and Cruikshank, Mr H Finon, Mr H Lulkmanjee, Mr Dorabjee and Mr Agoe.

The following is the list of passengers per Austrian Lloyd's s s Trieste Captain E Mecozzi, arrived on the 13th instant from Japan with the following passengers:—Lieuts Harris, Young, Dudley, Weaver and Cruickshank Messrs Yakyabhoy, P F Talati, R C Banajee, N Horiwalla R Scrabjee S Chess and R Piep, Miss Lula Reynnard, Mr E Abouseier Doctor Gunther, Mrs Gunther and child Mr Arnold Streker Mr and Mrs Staeger Revd Haldegger, and F Dunn Mrs Hamilton and 3 daughters, Mr O Karl Kloss.

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VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—MAY 13.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agen.
Deutschland bq	768	Nacoda			The Captain
Fazul Karim	636	Nacoda			G Muthwani
Palitana	1934	Lemarchand			M M & Co
Nowshera	1861	Dewing			M M & Co
Jelunga	3361	Windebank			M M & Co
Huzara	1336	McClelland			M M & Co
Ormidale	2305	Hamilton			W & A G & Co
Bundara	2215	Maude			M M & Co
Fazilka	2697	Wilson			M M & Co
Avoca	3410	Lowe			M M & Co
Canara	1216	Carey			M M & Co
Nankin	2557	Kenrick			P & O Co
Baron Fairlie	2324	Goudey			W & A G & Co
Henry Bolckow	639	Fowls	P Gulf		B & P S N Co
Vermont	2923	Haynes			W & A G & Co
King Arthur	1047	Burnel			Bo & P S N Co
Kilbrennan	2332	Wilson			W & A G & Co
Oriental	3085	Spicer			P & O Co
Burrsfield	2615				Bombay Co
[illegible]	2428	Stoltz			K Nixon & Co
Woodbridge	2331	Evans			Bombay Co
Nowshera	1961	Dewing			M M & Co
Dwarka	759	Rothwell	Karachi	14-5	M M & Co
Haidari	1562	Hill			Bo & P S N Co
Phoenicia	2015	Kent			A Montocnoffe
Afghan Prince	3183	[illegible]			

VESSELS IN DOCKS.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
A	Naderi	1168	Metcalfe	P Gulf	14-5	B & P S N Co
B	Clan Macleod	3013	Cowie	L'pool	21-5	F Muir & Co
C	Alnwick	1957	Sampher			F Muir & Co
D	Taroba	3656	Nailer	Stream	14-5	M M & Co
E	Cawdor Castle	[illegible]	Samuel	Hamburg	18-5	Ralli Bros
E	Nuddea	1914	Scott	Zanzibar	18-5	M M & Co
K	Lawada	2124	Hodgson	Aden	16-5	M M & Co
K	Wyneric	3261	Niven	Antwerp	24-5	T M & Co
L	Puri	287	Ahmed	Repairing		Shpd & Co
M	Nurani	2870	Thompson	Aden	14-5	Transport
N	Bombay	2049	Vicary	Marseilles	21-5	J M & Co
O	Afghan	1439	Dexter	Mauritius	18-5	H C Joosub
P	Union La Dique (brq)	222	Rault	Seychelles	22-5	G M Ajam
Q	King Robert	2514	Galbraith	Hull	15-5	F Muir

HARBOUR WALL P. DOCK.

Vessel.	Ton	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
Sabarmati	5.4	Ahmed	Mangalore		Shpd & Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
1	Asia	2336	Shanklin	L'pool	22-5	W & A G & Co
2	Labuan	2291	Gardner	Trieste	25-5	K Nixon & Co
3	D Balduino	3041	Neora	Genoa	11-5	G Ferrero
4	Cairo	2718	Belsito	China	17-5	G Ferrero
5	Idar	2016	Milne	Antwerp	14-5	K Nixon
6	Balasiat	2860	Longden	China	18-5	P & O Co
7	Clan Macdonald	3160	Harrison	Genoa	21-5	F M & Co
8	Trieste	3203	Mecozzi	Trieste		
9	Rauner Reunion	1350	[illegible]			H J M Ajam
10&11	Schwarzenfels	3016	Volkmann	K'chi	17-5	Glade & Co
14	Mysore	699	Brinck	Melbourne	31-5	O & Okell
16	Duke of Norfolk	2437	Anderson	Hamburg	13-5	M M

HARBOUR WALL P. DOCK.

Vessel.	Ton	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
Courland	760	Ebrahim	Karachi	13-5	Sphd & Co

HARBOUR WALL V. DOCK.

Vessel.	Ton	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
Dwarka	75	Rothwell	Karachi	14-5	M M & Co

P. DOCK. MEREWETHER DRY DOCK.

Vessel.	Ton	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
Patiala	1929	Sharp	Repairing		M M & Co

ARRIVALS.

May.	Vessel.	Commander.	From
13	Trieste s	Mecozzi	Kobe, April 3
	Santhia s	Phillips	Calcutta, May 1

DEPARTURES.

May.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
13	Feronia s	Kent	Calcutta April 8
	Queen Alexandra s	Harris	Karachi
	Duke of Norfolk s	Anderson	Hamburg

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday.

Steamer Deo Balduino, Noera, for Genoa &c
" Naderi, Metcalfe, for Persian Gulf

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday —
Steamer Afghan Prince, for Liverpool &c.
Barque Union La Dique, for Seychelles

CALCUTTA,

ARRIVALS.

May.	Names.	Tons.	From
10	Ethiopia	1302	Rangoon
10	Gibraltar	2478	Aden
10	Morven	3360	Bombay
10	Khodoung	913	Rangoon

DEPARTURES.

May.	Names.	Tons.	For
10	Vauxhall Bridge	2177	Bombay
10	Pachumba	511	Chittagong etc.
10	Dunlobia	2319	Madras
11	Urbino	3381	Bombay
11	Sunda	2947	London
11	Barotse	2855	Hamburg
11	Singu	1912	Rangoon

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Clan Line Co's steamer Lismore left Liverpool on the morning of the 12th instant.

The German East Africa Line Steamer Somali left Zanzibar for Bombay yesterday.

The Austrian Lloyds steamer Imperatrix from Bombay arrived at Suez on the afternoon of the 11th instant.

DAILY EXPORTS.—MAY, 12,

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Clan Macleod s—500 cwt fenneiseed D Nathco and Co; 216 cwt oilcake meal Glade and Co; 504 cwt myrabollams A Khimji.

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FOR MANCHESTER.

Asia s—43 bales yarn Swadeshi Mills Co

FOR HULL.

King Robert s—4 bales hemp Kiddle Reeve and Co; 4000 cwt wheat 1.0 cwt rapeseed 6560 cwt castorseed and 2500 cwt cottonseed Ralli Bros; 1040 cwt myrabollams Waghji Becher; 41 cwt cottonseed Central India S and M Co

FOR ANTWERP.

Idar s—880 bales cotton Ralli Bros

Wyneric s—9540 cwt wheat Tata and Co; 2000 cwt rapeseed Volkart Bros; 2000 cwt broken rice N Khairaz and Co; 110 bales cotton J A Begbie and Co; 2000 cwt wheat and 55 bales cotton A Blascheck and Co

FOR MARSEILLES.

Asia s—2500 cwt castorseed 60 3 cwt linseed Societa Colonials Italiana; 50 bales cotton Glade and Co; 100 bales yarn Swadeshi Mills Co; 9.0 cwt gingellyseed J Fachiri

FOR HAMBURG.

Schwarzenfels s—275 bales cotton Volkart Bros; 113 bales cotton Ralli Bros; 55 bales cotton 100 cwt poppyseed and 1000 cwt rapeseed Ernst Lam and Co; 1300 cwt wheat Tata and Co

FOR BREMEN.

Schwarzenfels s—110 bales cotton F F Campbell and Co; 220 bales cotton Volkart Bros

FOR GENOA.

Bombay s—300 bales cotton Walter Pavri and Co; 2300 cwt linseed Ernst Lam and Co; 4.00 cwt linseed Volkart Bros; 10035 cwt linseed Societa Colonials Italiana; 1.00 cwt castorseed Volkart Bros

Clan Macdonald s—150 bales cotton Finlay Muir and Co; 70 tons old iron Societa Coloniale Italiana; 100 tons old iron M Somji; 20 tons old iron S Mamoodji; 4017 cwt linseed Ralli Bros

FOR VENICE.

Trieste s—1575 bales cotton Volkart Bros

FOR TRIESTE.

Trieste s—770 bales cotton Gaddum and Co; 275 bales cotton Glade and Co; 640 cwt myrabollams H Anandrao and Co 40 bales cotton Volkart Bros

FOR FIUME.

Trieste s—110 bales cotton Glade and Co; 430 bales cotton Volkart Bros

FOR KOBE.

Nankin s—101 bales cotton J A Begbie and Co 379 bales cotton N Futehally and Co 717 bales cotton Sassoon J David and Co

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FOR HONGKONG.

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NOTICE.

HIS EXCELLENCY the VICEROY will GIVE an ETON DINNER at Viceregal Lodge, Simla, on SATURDAY, the 4th June, 1904.

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SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1904.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

ADMIRAL Togo, on Thursday, reported that since the 6th inst. many explosions had been heard from the direction of Port Arthur, but the cause had not been ascertained. The explanation comes to day. It is not, as was surmised, the sound of the Russians blowing up the remnant of their fleet to prevent it falling into the hands of the Japanese. Worse than that, Russia has destroyed the great new port she spent millions of roubles constructing at Dalny. The docks and piers have gone, according to the Admiral who has wired many remarkable messages. Other telegrams indicate that the whole of the port has been destroyed to prevent the Japanese utilising the facilities it provided. We do not suppose this message will be contradicted, though Admiral Alexeieff's report that communication has been restored with Port Arthur is flatly denied on authority. It was only the other day that we were told there were between twenty and thirty thousand troops on the spot, and that, notwithstanding the truth of the report that the Japanese were creeping close to Port Arthur, there was no fear that they would be able to hold their own. If the Russians have fully made up their minds that Japan is once and for all to hold them back from the Liao tung Peninsula, the destruction of Dalny was not only justifiable but wise. If on the other hand they still cling to the hope that they will win in the long run, the sacrifice was much too great to gain a temporary end. Of course Japan's expressed intention was to remove the menace of Russia's power in the Far East. To achieve it she intended and was "quite confident of being able" to destroy as many ships in her fleets as possible and to capture the remainder. "When we have done this," explained an eminent Japanese statesman, "we mean to take Port Arthur and Vladivostock and make our position in Korea so impregnable that the Russians will find it absolutely impossible to gain the least footing there. When this is completely accomplished, we shall be quite prepared to offer terms. We shall then have attained all the objects for which we went to war."

It is satisfactory to learn that it is not the intention of Japan to push the war to the bitter end and that she has no wish to see Russia humbled. Someone compared the fight to that between David and Goliath; another to Jack the giant-killer and his monsters, while a third writer quoted Tom Tappertit and Big Will: "I won't hurt you." We are asked to rest assured that Japan will not suffer from swollen head. We hope it may not, though symptoms of a very suspicious character are manifesting themselves. Both countries have the fullest intention of prevailing and each has made up her mind what she will do with the vanquished—which is satisfactory. Russia's declaration that she will tolerate no interference from other Powers in the final settlement with Japan does little more at present than raise a smile, but that smile is premature. He laughs longest who laughs last. We are not in sight of the end, but only at the beginning of a great trial of strength, as Mr. David Hannay observed the other day, of which the future course is full of obscurity and of possibilities of disaster. The failure of the fleet and the defeat of the land forces on the Yalu are no doubt a heavy score in favour of the Japanese as well as a great surprise to the world. But the present war has been in preparation for more than half a century. As was asserted only the other day, with the establishment of the Russians on the Amur, the first step towards the annexation of Manchuria was taken. And it surpasses the probable that Russia will be compelled to accept an uninterrupted succession of reverses. One thing is clear that, whether the natives take up arms or not, they will be inconveniently hostile to Russia as a consequence of those reverses. The Asiatic invariably shouts with the biggest crowd. But though Russian difficulties will increase and her enemy has all the moral advantage of a long string of successes, it is practically certain that another and more surprising phase of the operations is about to begin.

The Russian Army was warned the other day that it would need all the merits it may have, as its master has set it a task of enormous difficulty. Russia, it has been all along anticipated, will imitate the strategy of 1812 and her armies will retire to Harbin. If they do, said a critic anticipating events, they leave Port Arthur and Vladivostock to be beseiged and to fall by hunger, supposing they can be taken by no other means. The Japanese with safe communications behind them, can be in strength at either point, or at both, if Russia is going to try the Fabian method. Deprived of those two ports, Russia could not stay in Manchuria at all. Therefore she must fight for them. Because she has destroyed one—or the new portion of one—it must not be assumed that she has abandoned it and hope with it. To dismantle the place was a prudent step to take, to destroy it an extreme one, but it may be all the more easily retaken when the Japanese have occupied it and be of little use to them during their occupation. Up to the present, it must be remembered that although Russia has been pouring troops into the country for months past, she has very few compared with the vast hordes on which she can draw. In the course of the next few weeks, there will be at Harbin troops enough to do all that is required of them, if they are properly led and utilised. A prominent military critic reminded us this week that good fighters as the Japanese may prove to be, the strength of their army resides mainly in the higher command, and faults made against a brave army well commanded are not indulged in with impunity. They have, however, this advantage that the population is increasedly friendly to them. They know the country better than the Russians and in their Intelligence Department this fact will tell. Opinions differ very greatly as to the explanation of the reverse on the Yalu. Whereas in one place it was attributed to old-fashioned methods and bad generalship, in another it is declared that if we must set down the naval humiliation of Russia to the original sin of short-sighted diplomacy, it is also necessary to add that little has been displayed so far on the professional side save the virtues of courage and patriotism, and this observation is as true applied to the land operations up to the present moment, as to those afloat.

PRICE CUTTING IN RETAIL TRADE.

THE correspondent of an English commercial contemporary has recently hit upon one of the greatest difficulties which the Indian dealer has to contend with in the bazaar. This is the price cutting which is the chief feature of the tactics adopted by the German and other continental rivals of British manufacturers in their competition for Indian trade. Apparently what led to the discovery was one of the remarks in the recent report of Sir Edward Law. "Season after season," says the Financial member of the Imperial Legislative Council, "manufacturers continue to expect high prices, and by doing so they alienate buyers who would willingly take their products were prices more in accordance with those for which the artificial article is to be obtained." This, as will be guessed, refers to the struggle going on between the indigo planter and the manufacturer of the synthetic product. But the conclusion which is drawn by the Financial member holds good in all branches of trade. He says: "It is not business to continue to work at a loss, but it is an essential factor in business to keep your competitor out of the market by temporary acceptance of the lowest possible price, and thus force him either to accept losses or to retire from the competition." Evidently the correspondent of the organ we have alluded to has noticed in Bengal, what is patient to anybody who is engaged in trade on this side of the country. The British manufacturer has his own idea about prices and profits in India. His utter contempt of competition is a survival most probably of the experience of the old factors who could ask what they liked for their wares and get it too. But that will no longer do. Many of these old established dealers with India, whose reputation alone is worth money, are not likely to reduce their prices either now or in the future whatever may happen. Their goods stand in a separate category, and are not affected by any sort of competition whatsoever. They have made the name which sells the goods without canvassing or advertisement. But newer traders—those who are fighting hard to establish an Indian clientele—are ousted repeatedly by foreign goods which sell at distinctly foreign prices. Sir Edward Law's drastic remedy is hardly necessary. It goes without saying that the prices which are asked for British wares represent more than a fair profit. As a matter of fact anything which is between one hundred and three hundred per cent is considered a fair profit in India. But even if for a short space of time this system were successful, it allows such a wide margin for price cutting that the English production can be undersold again and again, and the idea quickly gets abroad that in all cases British goods must necessarily be dearer than any other. As the correspondent whose text we have taken points out, it is not to be expected that a new firm can come into the market and expect to capture a trade which is being done by firms who are spending large sums of money in sending out travellers, advertising, etc. To ask top prices in addition to ignoring such essential points as these, is to add a kind of insult which will never be swallowed by the Indian dealer. The representatives of home firms should be given more latitude in respect of concessions wherever there is an opportunity of giving it without creating an actual loss.

EXCISE IN THE UNITED PROVINCES.

THE report on the administration of the Excise Department in the United Provinces shows very clealy what a marked effect the return of prosperity has upon the comsumption of liquor amongst the people. Contrary to the rule, the people of India do not seem to be driven to drink by misfortune. The reason is very simple. They are not able, in the same mysterious manner as their contemporaries of the West, to obtain liquor without paying for it, and the consequence is that when their funds run short the excise revenue of the country declines. The statistics of the Excise Department, indeed, seems to be the surest index of the state of the population. During the past few years, there has been what is described by the Commissioner of Excise for the United Provinces as a phenomenal increase in revenue. Last year, this increase was exceedingly well maintained. From 79·68 lakhs of rupees the gross income of the department increased to 87·52 lakhs, and the major part of the excess is due to the consumption of country liquor and hemp drugs. There is one significant statement in the report which is worth alluding to. It seems that the poorer classes have at length arrived at the conclusion that spirituous liquor is an efficacious remedy and protection against plague. This attitude is not a surprising one, and perhaps not one to be entirely regretted, for it is not likely that this will be a very prominent feature in the augmentation of revenue returns. Another fact which finds mention is the increase in the consumption of Rosa Rum which is stated to be entering into effective competition with country spirit in the city of Cawnpore. This feature in likely to become more prominent in the future, for a license has recently been granted to the Cawnpore sugar works for a new distillery. This spirit is undoubtedly more wholesome than that which it is superseding, and another satisfactory feature of the development is that it will probably give a much needed fillip to the sugar industry. There is little doubt that a high level of prosperity now prevails amongst the general population of the United Provinces, and the Department is to be congratulated upon being able to operate under such fortunate circumstances. The collections of revenue during the year amount to 99·7 per cent. of the total, another point which is highly satisfactory; and there is every reason to believe that in the near future some of the difficulties which have militated against the successful working of the department will be removed.

MOTOR RACING.

MOTOR racing may inevitably be expected to produce serious accidents and after the latest proof of the fact it may be anticipated that this particular form of "sport" will be prohibited in the United Kingdom, at least if it ever had any value in regard to the evolution of the perfect motor car, it certainly has so no longer, for the peculiar types of "devil waggon" which take part in the Gordon-Bennet race are not at all the cars that the ordinary purchaser requires. The Juggernaut holocaust which compelled the authorities to stop the Paris-Madrid race last year almost led to the race for the Gordon-Bennet Cup, them arranged to take place for the first time on British soil, being prohibited. It, however, took place in Ireland, elaborate precautions being taken to ensure the safety of the competitors and spectators. But it did not pass off without accident, two of the English competitors Jarrott and Stocks being seriously hurt. The catastrophe in the Isle of Man where the British qualifying trials for the approaching contest in Germany are taking place should effectively satisfy whatever public taste for such spectacles exist. The selection of the Isle of Man course was dictated by considerations of safety, convenience and adherence to the conditions of the competition. Manxland seemed an ideal place for the trials and if it was not possible to race there without serious accident, it is not possible to do so anywhere in the United Kingdom. We should imagine that the monstrous racing motor is doomed, and Government action to hasten the end of its career would be generally welcomed. On a different plane are the reliability trials which are held each year in September and to which manufacturers and motorists look as an incentive to useful improvements in cars.

H. E. LORD AMPTHILL will entertain at dinner all Old Etonians present in Simla on the 4th June.

LORD CURZON, according to present arrangements, will reach India again on the 23rd or 24th September.

LASHKORI, where a portion of the Somaliland Field Force will embark for Berbera, is between two and three hundred miles down the coast from that port. Embarkation in this manner will save the troops a good deal of toilsome marching.

THE opinions of the Maritime Local Governments and the Chambers of Commerce regarding the establishment of an Imperial Customs Service are now reaching the Government of India. It goes without saying that cordial support is given to the scheme.

As our Lahore contemporary remarks, there is no want of candour in the American Presbyterian Mission in the Punjab touching the quality of the faith of some of its native converts. In the 70th Annual Report of this institution we read:—"One old woman said:—'It has not rained this year, and I am afraid it is because we have become Christians.'"

BEFORE the Deputy Magistrate of Alipore, recently, one Modhu Sudan Datt was charged with having murderously assaulted one Nobogopal Chatterjee, a watchmaker of the locality. The complainant had negotiated the marriage of the accused's son. The bride was shown to the father, and ample marriage gifts were promised. The marriage was celebrated within closed doors, and on the following morning the accused, to his surprise, found that an ugly girl instead of the one shown to him, was the real bride, while the marriage did not at all come up to the promise made. The accused sent for the watchmaker and beat him till his right leg was broken. The Court found the accused guilty, and sentenced him to three months' rigorous imprisonment.

DR. E. BONAVIA writes to the "Indian Planting and Gardening": With reference to the suggestion of sending a mali to the Persian Gulf to learn date growing, it would very probably not be much more expensive to import a Persian date grower. He would then be able to instruct not only one mali but a dozen or more, and so some progress would be made in this date growing experiment. Just fancy what a difference it would have made if 20 years ago a date grower had been imported by the Punjab authorities to teach the people the right way of dealing with this wonderful tree! Instead of that, seeds and offsets have been distributed broadcast among cultivators, who had not a ghost of a notion how to deal with this tree, except perhaps in Multan. The unfortunate plants had to struggle for their existence among a lot of ignorant and careless villagers, and possibly also a number of goats! In 20 years a great portion of India might had its own groves of date trees.

A CIVIL Engineer of Brooklyn, U. S. A., claims to have invented an appliance to prevent rear-end train collisions. The invention consists of a frame, having at one end a glass rod termed the "destructible member, and fixed beneath the locomotive carriage floor in such a way that the rod will be broken if the train attempts to pass any block signal. The glass arm, though small, has much to do. When broken, it shuts off steam, locks the throttle, puts on the air brake, sands the rail, sets a time clock in the cab, and starts a whistle blowing. This whistle continues until a new glass rod is inserted.

THEIR sense of humour prompting them, eight young women of Jersey City made a joint proposal of marriage on bended knee to as many young man. The latter, not to be outdone, promptly accepted them, and an accommodating and jocose person named Schmidt agreed to perform the eight mock marriage services, and speedily fulfilled his promise. Their sense of humour, however, deserted the sixteen young people when it was discovered that the playful Schmidt was a justice of the peace, and authorised to perform the marriage ceremony. Now eight young women and eight young men are frantically consulting lawyers as to how far the joke is grim reality.

IT is said that the young lady whom the Inns of Court refuse to allow to become a barrister declines to try the other branch of the profession. A solicitor's practice (so she is reported as saying) is not desirable for women, because it "lacks both dignity and refinement." This is a pretty enough compliment to the silk and stuff she may not wear but it quite needlessly indicts a profession. There have been far too many solicitors convicted during the last few years, but their fall has hardly arisen from a lack of dignity or refinement. And, if it comes to that, we are not so sure that the relations between barrister and solicitor's clerk are always very "dignified," writes a home paper.

THE discovery is announced from America of a new comet, the first since last June. The discoverer was Professor W. R. Brooks, who has already made so many finds in this line. He first observed it at the Smith Observatory, Geneva, New York, U.S.A., on the evening of Saturday, April 16, at 9 h. 50 m. local time. Its position at discovery was R. A. 16 h. 58 m, N. P. D. 45 deg. 50 m. It shows a stellar nucleus and a small tail, and was not as bright as a tenth magnitude star when first seen. It is due north-east at an elevation of about 35 deg soon after nine o'clock in the evening, and crosses the meridian about three o'clock in the morning. It is, therefore, very well placed for observation.

WHILE a squadron of the 17th Lancers were exercising on the long sandy shore of Portobello one of the troopers suddenly bolted away on horseback, and spurring his horse went at a terrific pace in the direction of Edinburgh. An officer and a number of men gave chase, but the fugitive was better mounted than they, and after galloping wildly along Princes-street, in the centre of Edinburgh eventually got clear away. Later in the afternoon he was found leading his horse at Kirkliston, nine miles beyond Edinburgh. He had a crowbar, and for a time defied capture, but afterwards submitted and, appearing to be suffering from mental excitement, was conveyed to the Edinburgh Infirmary. It is said that he broke out once before on parade, after returning from South Africa.

THE "Leamington Spa Courier" publishes, under the heading "Country Notes," the following paragraph:—The plaintive music that so strongly moves us in "Auld Robin Gray" was composed by the Rev. William Leeves, Rector of Wrington, Somersetshire, in 1812, and was published by him in a book of six sacred airs, a copy of which is now in the Bodleian Library, Oxford. It is therefore, not Scotch. The Scotch pirated it to dignify the paltry verses of "Auld Robin Gray," thus degrading this English clergyman's music to the wretched dialect spoken north of the Tweed. In re-uniting the tune to its intended purposes, and the three solo and three other verses of Hymn 491 (H. A. and M.) sung in his church on Good Friday, Archdeacon Colley, Rector of Stockton, Warwickshire, has now rescued this lovely air from Scotch thraldom, and restored it to England and its original sacred use. "The wretched dialect spoken north of the Tweed" should set the heather ablaze.

BOOKS TO READ.

THE ADVENTURES OF ELIZABETH IN RUGEN by the Author of "Elizabeth and Her German Garden" has now been brought out by Macmillan and Co, in their very extensive Colonial Library series. Though hardly up to the high watermark of charm of the first book written by this author, these adventures are very fascinating. Elizabeth desired to walk round the island of Rugen in the Baltic Sea, but could find no one to walk with her. This was a serious disappointment, for she knew walking

"is the perfect way of moving if you want to see into the life of things. It is the one way of freedom. If you go to a place on anything but your own feet, you are taken there too fast, and miss a thousand delicate joys that were waiting for you by the wayside. If you drive you are bound by a variety of considerations, eight of the most important being the horses' legs. If you bicycle—but who that loves to get close to nature would bicycle? And as for motors, the object of a journey like mine was not the getting to a place, but the going there."

Elizabeth decided to drive, as she could not walk alone

"the green monster Conventionality whose iron claws are for ever on my shoulder, for ever pulling me back from the harmless and the wholesome, put a stop to that even if I had not been afraid of tramps, which I was."

Her mind once made up and her modest preparations complete, Elizabeth, with her discreet maid Gertrude, started in a more than contented frame of mind.

"Now I suppose I could talk for a week and yet give no idea whatever of the exultation that filled my soul as I gazed on these arrangements. The pic-nic simplicity of them was so full of promise. It was as though I were going back to the very morning of life, to those fresh years when shepherd boys shout round one for no reason except that they are out of doors and alive. Also, during the years that have come after, years that may properly be called riper, it has been a conviction of mine that there is nothing so bracing for the soul as the frequent turning of one's back on duties. This was exactly what I was doing; and oh, ye rigid female martyrs on the rack of exemplariness, ye unquestioning patient followers paths that have been pointed out, if only you knew the wholesome joys of sometimes being less good!"

It was hardly just that Elizabeth having failed in inducing any one of her chosen friends to walk with her, should in her driving tour happen upon a cousin with whom she was by no means in sympathy and whom she had not seen for ten years. This cousin, Charlotte Nieberlein was the very antithesis of Elizabeth; belonged to the strong-minded race of women and sternly improved the occasion in and out of season. Her company would have considerably discounted the charms of the Rugen scenery for any less optimistic traveller, worse still the professor Charlotte's little valued husband also broke in upon the expedition, and then indeed there came a double embarrassment which completely turned the leisurely exploration of the beauties of the island into a persistent tramp after a recreant partner. Elizabeth with her cheery joyousness and quaint views of life and men turned it all to pleasant account, and places taken in the tour lost nothing of their prettinesses. Of Vilm a little island, a sort of hanger-on of Rugen at which she stayed before the unlucky meeting with Charlotte was delightful when taken casually.

"If you love out of door beauty, wide stretches of sea and sky, mighty beeches, dense bracken, and meadows radiant with flowers, chalky levels purple with gentians, solitude and economy, go and spend a summer at Vilm. The inn is kept by one of Prince Putbus's foresters or rather by his amiable and obliging wife, the forester's functions being apparently restricted to picturesquely standing against a tree in front of the house in a nice green shooting suit with a telescope at his eye through which he studies the approaching or departing launch. His wife does the rest. I sat at one of the tables beneath the chestnuts waiting for my food. I had to wait a very long while and she came out and talked. She said most of her visitors were painters, and she could put up four-and twenty with their wives. My luncheon came while she was still trying to find out if I were a female painter, and if not why I was there alone instead of being one of a batch after the manner of the circumspect petticoated and I will only say of the lunch that it was abundant. Its quality, after all, did not matter much. The rye grew up to within a yard of my table, and made a quivering golden line of light against the blue sparkle of the sea. White butterflies danced above it. The breeze coming over it blew sweet country smells in my face. The chestnut leaves shading me rustled and whispered. All the world was gay and fresh and scented, and if the traveller does not think these delights make up for doubtful cookery why does he travel?"

—This was the spirit in which Elizabeth roamed revelling in the glories of sky and sea, earth and its gay clothing.

Messrs George Bell and Sons are issuing a very pretty series of books in the "York Library," bound in artistic green linen covers and printed on fine India paper. EVELINA by Fanny Burney is one of the last published. This is a reprint of the edition of 1881 in Bohn's Novelists' Library, with introduction and notes by Annie Raine Ellis editor of the "Diary of Fanny Burney." The introduction renews our acquaintance with Madame D' Arblay before she became famous as a writer and tells of her various excursions into the world of letters, adventures far more rare than those made nowadays by less qualified writers. In "Evelina" we have the heroine that stirred the hearts of readers in the latter end of the eighteenth century, a perfect portrait of the delicate-minded young lady of the time. It is delightful and wonder-working to note the difference between the stilted and well turned conversation of those days, and the rough and ready give and take that mark the interchange of thought in the twentieth century. Lord Orville, the hero, would feel himself quite out of it in a present-day club, and instead of being the cynosure of dainty maiden's eyes, he would run a risk of being mercilessly and frankly laughed at. The gentle Evelina describes his attentions in a letter to her guardian before she dared to suppose they meant anything beyond the natural benevolence of Lord Orville's character:—

The attention with which Lord Orville honors me is as uniform as it is flattering, and seems to result from a benevolence of heart that proves him as much a stranger to caprice as to pride, for as his particular civilities arose from a generous resentment at seeing me neglected, so will they, I trust, continue as long as I shall, in any degree, deserve them. I am now not merely easy but even gay in his presence, such is the effect of true politeness, that it banishes all restraint and embarassment. When we walk out, he condescends to be my companion, and keeps by my side all the way we go. When we read, he marks the passages most worthy to be noticed, draws out my sentiments and favours me with his own. At table, where he always sits next to me, he obliges me by a thousand nameless attentions; while the distinguished good-breeding with which he treats me, prevents my repining at the visibly-felt superiority of the rest of the company. A thousand occasional meetings could not have brought us to that degree of social freedom which four days spent under the same roof have insensibly been productive of, and as my only friend in this house, Mrs. Selwyn, is too much engrossed in perpetual conversation to attend much to me, Lord Orville seems to regard me as a helpless stranger and as such to think me entitled to his good offices and protection. Indeed my dear Sir, I have reason to hope that the depreciating opinion he formerly entertained of me is succeeded by one infinitely more partial.—It may be that I flatter myself; but yet his looks, his attentions, his desire of drawing me into conversation and his solicitude to oblige me all conspire to make me hope I do not. In short my dearest Sir, these last four happy days would repay me for months of sorrow and pain!"

What touching humility, modesty and candour! Do our modern young ladies confide all these preliminaries in the history of the conquest of their maiden affections so minutely as to detail to their uncles or guardians, or even to their fathers and mothers? Evelina's sensitive behaviour when Lord Orville tells his real feelings in the following ardent sentences would be disconcerting in these robust days.

"I revere you! I esteem, I admire you above all human beings! You are the friend to whom my soul is attached as to its better half. You are the most amiable, the most perfect of women! and you are dearer to me than language has the power of telling."

After these protestations Evelina was struck dumb.

"I attempt not to describe my sensations at that moment, I scarce breathed. I doubted if I existed—the blood forsook my cheeks and my feet refused to sustain me; Lord Orville hastily rising supported me to a chair, upon which I sunk, almost lifeless.

For a few minutes, we neither of us spoke: and then seeing me recover, Lord Orville though in terms hardly articulate, intreated my pardon for his abruptness. The moment my strength returned I attempted to rise but he would not permit me.

I cannot write the scene that followed, though every word is engraven on my heart; but his protestations, his expressions were too flattering, for repetition nor would he inspite of my repeated efforts to leave him suffer me to escape—in short my dear Sir, I was not proof against his solicitations—and he drew from me the most sacred secret of my heart.

I know not how long we were together: Lord Orville was upon his knees when the door was opened by Mrs Selwyn!

Tableau and the necessity for explanations. When Evelina receives her guardian's consent to her engagement her sentiments are exquisite.

"the willing yet awful consent you have granted—the tenderness of your expressions—the certainty that no obstacle remained to my eternal union with the loved owner of my heart gave me sensations too various and, though joyful, too little placid for observation" etc. etc.

The last letter telling that she is married breathes ecstatic happiness.

"All is over my dearest Sir: and the fate of your Evelina is decided! This morning with fearful joy and trembling gratitude she united herself for ever with the object of her dearest, her eternal affection.

I have time for no more; the chaise now waits which is to conduct me to dear Berry Hill and to the arms of the best of men."

Did people in those days pause as life wore on to ask if such marriages were failures, or was the strength of the pre-nuptial protestations a guarantee of equal strength and fidelity in the affection that prompted them? "Evelina" is a fascinating story and has many spirited passages in it briskly contrasting with the love-making that sounds now so sentimental and, let it be said low, so mawkish.

DALNY DESTROYED

RUSSIANS BLOW UP THE PORT.

BATTLE IMPENDING.

THE JAPANESE ADVANCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, MAY 12.

Admiral Alexeieff reports that the Russians have blown up the docks and piers at Dalny.

Other telegrams indicate that the whole of the Port has been destroyed to prevent the Japanese utilizing the facilities afforded.

An expenditure on the place of millions of roubles has thus been sacrificed.

Admiral Alexeieff's report that communication with Port Arthur has been restored is officially contradicted at Tokio.

The Japanese loan is 2 5/8 premium and has been covered twenty times over. It has closed in London. The New York section of the loan has also been over-subscribed and closes to-morrow.

LONDON, MAY 13.

A St. Petersburg telegram says that General Kharkevitch reports that a Japanese Division of upwards of ten thousand men and fifty guns, mostly mountain artillery, is approaching Siuyen.

A Russian prisoner states that the assailants at Anju were a 700 flying column of Trans-Baikal Cossacks under General Mandaritoff, they started from Liaoyang with twelve days provisions and covered twenty-five miles a day.

Reuter (Shanhaikwan) says there are only 350 Russians now at Niuchwang.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MAY 13.

The "Englishman" London correspondent cabling under date the 13th, says:—A battle is imminent at Liaoyang. Fifty thousand Japanese and 70,000 Russians are within touch.

DALNY, THE ABANDONED.

Dalny the new town which the Russians founded in the neighbourhood of Ta-lien-wan in order to leave Port Arthur purely a fortress was laid out on splendid lines, and recent accounts show that very handsome buildings were being erected. The town had been made the terminus of the Chinese Eastern Railway and its connections the Central Manchurian and Great Siberian lines. Piers, break waters and docks were in course of construction and were apparently not far from completion when it was decided to blow them up. The harbour is described as being one of the best in the Pacific and the Japanese would have been quick to take advantage of the port facilities on which Russia had expended so much money. Towards the end of last year there were various reports as to the future of the port and it was suggested that the construction of the great break-water would, after all cause it to be ice-bound in winter. The foundation of Dalny greatly affected the trade of Vladivostock. In 1902 it was estimated that the town had a population of 50,000.

Just as the word Jesuit used in the last century to arouse feelings of suspicion mixed with awe, so is it now with the word Russian. In no other manner are the published descriptions of Dalny to be accounted for, wrote Mrs. Archibald Little recently in the "Globe". Even the gentleman who kindly conducted me round Dalny last autumn, a business man seemed in like manner impressed with its infinite possibilities, and yet having driven about with him all day, and seen, as he assured me, everything there was to be seen, I could detect nothing in the way of business beyond a large timber yard and carpentering establishment, where the seats and wooden fittings for the Manchurian stations of the Trans-Siberian were being made or had been made. In this there was surely nothing to inspire the awe-stricken tones in which he spoke of it; railway stations are furnished in all parts of the world, and the seats must be made somewhere.

There are a great many villa residences in Dalny—many very pretty ones, and as far as possible all different; but a decadent air already broods over most part of them, suggesting the idea that the authorities that ordered their erection might any day issue another order and then there would be nothing for the inhabitants to do but fold up their tents and vanish away, i.e., desert their villa residences and depart. For there seems no reason why any one should live at Dalny beyond the will of the authorities. The place is admirably laid out on the plan of Paris, or of two fans laid together open, the parts where their spokes are held together, jointly forming the centre where the railway station is to be; one is told there is as yet no railway station there any more than at Port Arthur. This arrangement is admirably adapted for allowing artillery to sweep the town or for allowing fresh sea breezes to do so; and there is a great deal to admire in Dalny, especially the energy with which it has been built. But it must be remembered that it has been built by Chinese; Russians only directed the building of it and settled where it should be built and why it should have been built there, just there it quite beats me to explain.

Most people seem to believe that it is just round the corner to Port Arthur, a sort of hotel suburb to that fortress, but it is 60 miles away, and when, like other people, I took the after dinner train thither in order to find some place to sleep—a train in which there was not enough sitting room, by the way—I only arrived at Dalny at half-past ten at night, rather a late hour to arrive in a strange town and find the hotel full. This last, however, seemed a great gain, for by the request of the Governor, a house had been somewhat sumptuously furnished to meet such cases, and I gathered from the accounts of my friends that I was far the best off. There was, indeed, only one drawback to my accommodation. Fancying I was coming to a place that laid itself out for international traffic, I had brought no bedding with me; and, just as in the Russian steamer in which I had crossed to Port Arthur, there was a mattress on the bedstead —nothing more! The weather had turned very cold, but kind Russian friends guessed an English lady might be likely to arrive unprovided and ministered to my necessities.

What, however, specially struck me was that a very pretty looking hotel had been built by authority. It was already too small; also, according to others, a little too much inhabited, and here was a Maison Meublee being arranged equally by authority, not as a profitable opening, as it would be to ourselves. Let but the authorities decide against it, and Dalny would cease to be. And indeed, it seems as if they had already decided against it. There is nothing to take people to Dalny: plenty to take people to Port Arthur, a world-celebrated fortress, the natural end of the line and where already fine hotels are being built to meet the world traffic, where sea-bathing stations are being laid out, where military bands naturally play, and dances are constantly being given. Social life must naturally centre round the large garrison there, the best shops find their customers there, and even business is represented there as I could not find out that it was in Dalny.

They are still talking of the magnificent station they are to build at Dalny, just at the tying of the spokes of the fans and it may of course be done, if some despot wills it. But there is not so far even a tram-line laid down between the station place and the landing stage from the steamers, so that all the through travellers have to engage droskies, and get themselves and their luggage in somehow for the twenty minutes drive between the two—not such an easy matter for those wholly ignorant of the language, though happily the driver being a Russian, is a much more polite, amiable creature than he would be in London, Paris, or Berlin. Private enterprise has attempted nothing to facilitate this or anything else; and dare not, everything having been started by an authority whose views in the matter are not known to the common herd. But the result is Dalny visibly stands on an insecure basis, and some of the prettiest houses in design are already needing paint, their wood-work cracked and gaping, and from the garments hanging out from the windows they would seem to be tenanted by a very different class from what one would expect.

The roads, although not as good as those remarkably good roads at Tsingtao, seemed good enough. We drove out to the park, a beautiful wilderness of kosmos, in every shade of colour, and wanted to see how far the road went. It led us to a most picturesquely situated burial ground; a pretty little Greek chapel spanning the entrance to a narrow rocky defile. We there found a little company assembled at the funeral of a very young child, whose father was expected back from a long journey next day. But his child had died yesterday. The road ended there and as we turned round to drive back, I could not help thinking this pathetic little incident typical of the fate of Dalny, the abandoned. "Well, then we have just thrown away"—I forget how many thousands of pounds it was—said the extraordinarily youthful-looking General who is commonly looked upon in the East as the builder of Dalny, "Yes, it is quite forsaken now, and we took such pains with it. It is a pity." It is! But the strangest thing is that people will go to see it, and awed by the name of it as being a Russian enterprise, will not see that it has been a mistake. There are plenty of mistakes made in the world, perhaps even the Jesuits made some in their time, and are not as omniscient and far-seeing as they are credited with being. The final fatality about Dalny, however seems to be that with the building of the fine new breakwater it has ceased to be an ice-free port, as is said. There is, however, something a little curious that as Russia advances, harbour after harbour, popularly believed to be ice free, each in turn seems to freeze under her hand.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE FISCAL QUESTION.

Mr. Chamberlain Desponds.

ANOTHER ELECTION ISSUE.

LONDON, MAY 13.

Mr. Chamberlain speaking at Birmingham contended that the fiscal movement had produced great changes abroad, Nations no longer threatened us and dumping had sensibly diminished,

He wished he could be certain that fiscal policy will be the issue at the next election instead of the introduction of Chinese into the Transvaal which he held was fully justified.

THE GORDON-BENNETT MOTOR TRIALS.

Disaster in the Isle of Man.

RACER DASHES INTO A WALL.

In the English eliminating trials in the Isle of Man for the Gordon-Bennett international motor car races Mr. C. Earp's car was dashed against a wall at racing speed and he and his brother were shockingly injured and a spectator was also injured.

THE MAILS.

The Bombay mails of the 30th ultimo arrived at Brindisi on the 11th.

PROMOTION IN THE INDIAN ARMY.

NEW REGULATIONS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, MAY 13.

Important changes in the regulations for promotion in the Indian Army up to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel have been sanctioned by the Secretary of State. The following are the principal ones:—(1) No officer will be promoted unless pronounced fit and recommended for promotion; (2) five Lieutenants of not less than six years' service may be promoted to the rank of Captain per annum if holding or appointed to the command of a squadron or Double Company; (3) five Captains may be promoted to the rank of Major per annum if appointed to be second in command of a regiment or battalion and certain analogous appointments; (4) a Major may be promoted to lieutenant-colonel on appointment to the command of a regiment or battalion or to certain analogous appointments.

PLAGUE IN THE TRANSVAAL

SIMLA, MAY 13.

A telegram received by the Viceroy reports that plague at Johannesburg is now well under control.

A SIMLA WEDDING.

SIMLA, MAY 12.

The wedding of Miss. F. E. Jackson, daughter of the late Colonel Jackson to Mr. R. A. Cassells 32nd Lancers, will take place here on the 9th proximo.

SALE OF LIQUOR LICENCES.

MR. E. GRAY, Collector of Bombay, put up to sale by public auction in the Town Custom House yesterday, certain licenses for the sale of country liquors, imported foreign liquors and raw toddy in the town and island of Bombay, for a period of three years and eight months, that is from 1st August 1904 to 31st March 1908. The sale was held in a shed in the Custom House, which was crowded to its utmost capacity by over a thousand persons eager to outbid each other in the purchase of the licenses. Mr. Gray sat at a small desk, supported in the conduct of the sale by Mr. Rustom Pestonjee Jehangir and Mr. D. A. Ingle, Assistant Collectors. A peon of the Abkari Department officiated as crier, and had a busy time of it, for the bidding was brisk, and the bidders were numerous. When a license was put up to sale its class and locality were first announced and each sale commenced with a starting bid, equal to the minimum annual fee leviable for its class. Two-thirds of the amount due was taken as a deposit from the party who made the highest bid and to whom the license was knocked down. A list of the names of certain persons was read out, who were prohibited from offering a bid, and who were distinctly warned that their bids would not be entertained. The sale commenced with a first-class liquor license in Chinch Bunder, Nowrojee Hill, for which Rs. 700 were at first offered, but the amount soon rose to Rs 1,750 for which it was knocked down to Mr. Ardasir Jamsetjee. The amounts for a license in Khoja Street and another in Jacob Circle were trebled, the former being knocked down to Govind Sudkajee for Rs. 3 000 and the latter to Pandarang Bhewajee for a like amount. No. 7 license in Argyle Road went up from Rs. 700 to Rs. 2 800 for which it was knocked down to Mr. Ardasir Jamsetjee. A license for a first class Tavern No. 13 in Chandanwady, rose in value from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 10,000, for which it was knocked down to Mr. Cowasjee Shapurjee. A licence in Dharavi, second class No. 46 rose from Rs. 2 000 to Rs. 6,000 for which latter amount it was sold to Damoder Bapujee Parval. Other licenses were sold during the day. The sale was over by about 4 o'clock and the total amount realised was about Rs. 1,50,000.

THE Muir Mills Company Limited of Cawnpore and No. 25 Chowringhee, Calcutta, who are world renowned for their tents and durries have, says "Capital" just been appointed Tent and Durrie Manufacturers to the Commander-in-Chief, During one year the Mills supplied 3769 tents to the British Army in India, which fact may be taken as a proof that for durability, comfort and general excellence their tents are considered second to none.

THE TIBET EXPEDITION.

MISSION CAMP AGAIN ATTACKED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MAY 13.

The "Englishman's" special correspondent wiring from Gyantse under date the 10th inst. says:—

Yesterday, at sundown, the Tibetans in the fort opened a persistent fire on the Mission camp with a gun carrying a one pound solid ball, and to-day they have six or seven such guns in position, and having got the range, have been steadily firing on us for several hours.

A reconnoitring column went out four miles to-day to a monastery on the hills on the right whence the exact location of the approaches to the fort could be plainly seen.

Another large gathering of Tibetans is reported in the Rong Valley.

It is hardly correct to say that the Mission is besieged, for our communications in the rear still remain open.

THE AFFAIRS OF SIR ALLAN ARTHUR.

At the High Court yesterday before Mr. Justice Stephen, an application was made in the matter of Sir Allen Arthur, insolvent on behalf of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, for an order directing the Official Assignee to pay to the Bank certain moneys now in his hands. It seems that Messrs Ewing and Co, were entrusted by the bank with some piece goods for sale. On the failure of the firm the Official Assignee took possession of these goods and sold them. His lordship granted the order.

HOCKEY IN CALCUTTA.

The final tie in the competition for the Amir Hossein or Junior Hockey Cup was played last evening between St. James's at Chowringhee. St. James's won by four goals to nil.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS.

SIMLA, MAY 13.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Colonel H. C Sclater is appointed Quarter-master-General in India.

The following are gazetted Lieutenant-Colonels, India Army:—Majors Armstrong, Richardson, Steele, Mitchell, Lewis, Justice Broome, Hogge, James, Ostrehan, Rose, Neville, Medley, Carpendale, Watkis, Hall, O'Donoghue, Pirie and Wright.

Hon. Lieutenant W. A. Turkington is permitted to retire.

United Provinces Light Horse, Lieutenant Colonel Holdsworth to be commandant and Lieutenant Colonel, Gleadowe Newcomes to be second in command.

East Indian Railway Volunteers, Lieutenants McDonnel and Rodley to be Captains, Second Lieutenants Lowther, Young, Neville, and Leitch, to be lieuts. and Mr. Ormiston to be second lieutenant.

The Volunteer officers' decoration is conferred upon Major Barnard, G I P Railway Volunteers, Lieut.-Colonel Nicholas and Lieutenant Hoonahan, Sind Volunteers and Lieut.-Colonel Taylor and Lieutenant Heaton, Madras Railway Volunteers.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Mr J Glenday is appointed assistant Engineer.

Commander Chandler is confirmed as Presidency Port Officer, Madras.

HOME DEPARTMENT

Lieutenant T. W. Harley I.M.S. is posted to the Madras Presidency.

The following appointments are gazetted:—

To the Viceroy's personal staff, Major W, Molesworth I.M S, to be Surgeon.

Assistant Surgeons E. Mackenzie (Bombay), C. A. Lefrenais (Madras); Lal Basak (Central Provinces) Thanu; (Burma), Alla Muhammad: (Punjab); and Mahendranath, Ohdedar, (United Provinces) to be honorary assistant surgeons.

Captain Robertson Milne I. M. S. is re-posted to special duty under the Director-General I M S.

Mr. H A Stuart is gazetted Director of the Central Criminal Intelligence Department with Mr D E Mecracken as Deputy Director-General

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

Colonel Olivier R. E. retires from the service.

Captain Jeffcoat 86th Carnatic infantry and Lieut. Cochran, 40th Pathans are placed on temporary half pay.

Captain Forestier Walker, No. 82 company, Royal Garrison Artillery, been appointed to command the Frontier Garrison Artillery vice Captain Haymes posted temporarily to No. 82 company Royal Garrison Artillery.

Second Lieut Garrett attached to No. 19 company is posted to No. 51 company Royal Garrison Artillery.

Captain A. W. Abercrombie, 2nd Battalion, Connaught Rangers, Station Staff Officer, Nasirabad, to be Brigade-Major, Deesa District and to officiate as Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, Deesa District, vice Major Cartwright on leave.

Captain C. O. O. Tanner, 129th Baluchis, to be Brigade-Major, Nagpore District, but to continue to officiate as Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, Quetta, vice Captain Minogue, with Sikkim-Tibet Mission.

Captain J. C. Griffith, 32nd Lancers Attache Head Quarters, Bombay Command to be Station Staff Officer, 2nd Class, Nasirabad, and to officiate as Brigade-Major, Nagpore District.

Captain H. E. P. Nash, 2nd Battalion, Royal Scots, Station Staff Officer, Mhow, to officiate as Station Staff Officer, Nasirabad.

HOUSE BREAKING AT BANDORA.

The village of Chuim situated to the North of Palli Hill, Bandora, writes a correspondent, is again being visited by a band of burglars and several houses have been broken into recently, but owing to the awakening of the inmates in time, the thieves could not effect their work of depradation. On the night of the 10th inst. a house belonging to one Mr. Alvaries was broken into and a box containing wearing apparel gold ornaments and cash of the collective value of about Rs. 300 was taken away. Great consternation prevails amongst the villagers and it is hoped the Superintendent of Police will soon have the thieves arrested.

DUEL AT MASS

FIGHT WITH REVOLVERS IN A CHURCH.

A telegram from Guadalajara (Mexico) dated April 15 states.—Senor Sebastian Chavez and Senor Primititro Medina fought a duel with revolvers in the centre aisle of the church at Tamazula yesterday. Mass was being celebrated at the time and the building was packed with a congregation largely composed of women and children. Senor Chavez was shot three times and died almost immediately. Senor Medina was slightly wounded. The congregation was panic-stricken and there was a rush for the doors in which a child was crushed to death and several women and children sustained injuries.—Laffan.

AUSTRALIA TAXING MAGAZINES.

THE Minister for Customs has decided to tax English and American magazines which are so popular in Australia. He holds that these magazines attract advertisements away from the Commonwealth, and that but for them "we have abundant good literary talent among our own people competent to bring out first-class publications." He has therefore decided that "When any magazine contains a greater proportion than 15 per cent of printed matter as advertisements, duty shall be charged as prescribed rates on the whole of the advertising matter contained in them." Sir William Lyne has directed that the order shall not take effect until four months hence.

SIR CHARLES RIVAZ, during his current visit to Dalhousie, will inspect the roads to the station, and also the various sites suitable for Government buildings, in case it is finally decided that the Punjab Government shall cease to make Simla its summer head-quarters.

SIMLA NOTES AND NEWS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, MAY 11.

THE season is now approaching its height. The annual Viceregal garden party is next week, and the coming fortnight will see the races and levee in which the gaieties of the idle portion of the inhabitants of Simla culminate. The station is even fuller than usual. Almost all the houses are taken. The exceptions are mostly amongst the larger ones, which are too expensive for any but the higher Secretariat officials and officers on leave, and the letting of which has perhaps been affected by the provision of official residences for Members of Council. The hotels are almost all full. One of the newer ones is said to have turned away forty applicants for rooms, while another, which is fashionably situated in the west end has booked its entire accommodation for the season. A gigantic skeleton, which will shortly be yet another hotel, is rising rapidly on the Mall below the United Service Club.

The growing popularity of hotel life in Simla arises from high rents and increasing visitors to the station. The provision of official residences for Members of Council has been a move in the right direction, in connection with remedying the evil, but what applies to Members of Council should apply also to Secretaries and other officials, who are compelled by their duties to live in the station, and who might well be similarly provided for. There is plenty of room for the expansion of the station upon such ridges as Tara-devi, Mahasu, and Summer Hill, and they will no doubt be built upon eventually, to afford accommodation for visitors. In the meantime land in the centre of the place is rapidly appreciating. Every year the taking up of suitable houses for official residences is postponed the higher will be the price that will have to be paid for what will ultimately become almost a necessity. The holder of the smaller official appointments are amongst the first to feel the pinch of the rising values in land, and they have good claim for consideration.

Government have taken up the Retreat and Kennedy estate, but it is very doubtful whether it will be possible to devote the latter to residential purposes. The main-house it contains had been no sooner acquired than it was filled by an overflow of Secretariat offices and even if these are eventually provided for in the Gorton Castle buildings there are likely to be other offices requiring house room that will have to be found somehow.

The Gorton Castle buildings are now nearing completion. They form an imposing pile above the Mall, on the top of what looks to the non-expert a mere heap of sand. Passers underneath, of an afternoon, are liable to be sprinkled by water which coolies are engaged in squirting over the slopes for the benefit of a sallow crop of thin green hairs that may some day be grass. It will be a difficult task to restore the hill-sides to anything like the natural beauties they possessed before the contractor and the stone mason invaded them, but labour is not being spared and all that is possible is being done.

The improvements to the station which are to come out of the recent Government of India grant of twenty lakhs of rupees are still amongst the semi-official secrets of the administration. It is reported that the Mahasu ridge is to be brought within the Municipal limits, that much needed additions to the water and drainage works are to be taken in hand, and that a lower Mall, following the contour of the ridges from Knockdrin to Sanjaoli round the Kainthu spur, is to be built. These projects were all recommended by a committee which sat some years ago to report upon the improvement of the station, and have hitherto been postponed for want of money. There is no longer any reason why they should not be taken in hand. Another improvement which Simla might well be given, is more and stronger fencing for dangerous khud sides. The Summer Hill road is especially lacking in this respect and should be the first to be attended to.

Nothing further has been heard, for some time, about the much advertised scheme for the transfer of the Punjab Secretariat to Dalhousie, an unnecessary change, detrimental rather than beneficial, which it may be hoped is now premanently discarded. The sister proposal for the imperialisation of the Municipality, appears to be more likely to come through and has much to recommend it.

The new era in its history, upon which Simla has entered with the completion of railway communication with the rest of India, is being fittingly commemorated in a volume of much interest to residents both past and present. It is by Mr. E. J. Buck, whose long connection with the station qualifies him to be its chronicler. It contains reproductions of old prints of the place as it was, also photographs of it as it is, besides a mass of quaint information about the houses. The lady, who speeds along the wide well-metalled Mall in her rubber tyred jinrickshaw of to-day, may congratulate herself upon the change which has taken place since the time when bandies were the only means of conveyance and when the Mall was so narrow that the inability of one bandy to pass another was the subject of humourous sketches by subalterns. A period will no doubt arrive when the jinrickshaw will give place to the motor and when Simla will have a regular service of suburban trains, from Taradevi and Mashobra, by which officials will come in daily, from country residences to offices in the city. The transformation of Simla from a hamlet in the remote recesses of a Himalayan forest into a thriving town, the terminus of a railway, has taken less than fifty years to accomplish. Development may be even more rapid in the future and bids fair to be as remarkable as in the past,

The news of the two engagements which have taken place in Tibet, since my last letter, has been received here with considerable interest. The Lamas are making ultimate widrawal from their country continually more difficult by the obstinacy they are displaying. It was one thing to contemplate leaving a comparatively friendly, if exclusive, set of men in possession of what Lord Curzon has described as the glacis of the northern wall of India. It would be quite another to restore it to those who are showing themselves implacably hostile. The Mission can hardly now avoid going on to Lhassa.

PRIMITIVE RUBY MINING IN BURMA.

A SHORT journey by river steamer and three or four days by cart road with dak bungalows every ten miles or so, brings you to the scene of operation, writes a correspondent of the "Pioneer's" The road is vile it is a P. W. D. one, but the scenery is almost lovely enough to compensate you and the climate except in the rains, is quite delightful. After the very first march it is cool and gets more and more so with every day's journey. Dense jungle all round the road with wonderful orchids and flowers, a water fall very frequently and streams of clear water every where, and all drinkable, one can camp nearly anywhere along the road and need be in no hurry to reach one's destination. In the early morning one can nearly always shoot two or three jungle fowl running about near deserted camping grounds, and barking deer and pheasant are to be got occasionally. Towards the end of the journey one has a laborious zigzag climb, a long wind round an interminable bluff over a crest and you find a wide grass plain with wooded trees all round and a stream meandering through it. Across the plain, and you ride through high hedges of roses, real roses none of your cheap single petal roses beautiful as they are, but big double roses, pink yellow and white. Underfoot lush grass, wild, straw berries, alas tasteless, and wild violets in profusion while over your head peach, apple, pear and plum trees stretch out long richly laden branches. A small village with about two or three hundred inhabitants, and several monasteries and pagodas, nestling under the side of a hill, is a typical example of mining life, as the numerous shrines and monasteries all erected by mining profits show to say nothing of the mines themselves all round you with their maungdines all busy. The mines are holes about two feet square sunk into the ground to a depth of up to 50 or 60 feet, the sides supported by posts at the corners and branches of small trees fastened against the sides by stout sticks to keep the earth from falling in. The miner wearing a tin pot like a blunt ended cone on his head sits in what one would imagine to be a most uncomfortable attitude in a corner, and digs between his knees in the opposite corner, and sends up the earth or byon as the ruby bearing earth is called in small baskets down from above. The tin hat be it known is in no way for security from falling stones or debris, it is entirely to keep the wearers hair dry, and through a man will permit himself to be splashed freely by his neighbour, yet he uses most violent language if by any chance he gets a drip of water or mud on this backhair. The apparatus for raising and lowering the buckets and baskets is simple in the extreme. A stout bamboo post about 20 feet high and called a maungdine, is fixed upright in the ground at a convenient distance from the pit or dwin, and a long thinner bamboo pivoted horizontally into the upper end of it so as to project an eigth from the mine, and the long arms towards the mine. From the end of the long arm hangs along cane fastened to a longer thin bamboo, the latter ending in a double hook, and from the shortend hangs a basket of stones. The buckets are raised by the inner army with its hook, while the stones counterbalance the weight. Usually three men work in a dwin, one down below, one hauling up the baskets while number three piles up the byon. The digger uses a straight broad-bladed very strong instrument about 2ft 3in. long, which also comes in useful when climbing up or down the pit. The basket are shallow and circular with loop cane handles. When enough byon has been piled up it is taken off and put into stone paved circular enclosures under a fall of water and shovelled about with a mattock till the mud and clay is washed away, and the stones are all collected in a deep hole at the end of a narrow channel. These are then strained then saved and finally sorted and all rubies or saphires placed in a little bamboo cup full of clean water till the wash is over. They are then transferred to a little professional calico bag which every mine-owner carries, and are finally transferred to the unclean hands of the money-lending fraternity who flock round in crowds on the bazar days to buy any stones found during the week. With good byon one wash or bnone as it is called will often bring forth from Rs. 100 to 150 but there is often a net result of precisely nil, while of course there is always the chance of netting a stone worth a lakh of rupees. With such great division of chances it is perhaps not to be wondered at that the miners are intensely superstitious. No man ever goes down a dwin without a short prayer to the local nat or spirit of the dwin, and several words are absolutely tabu in or near the mines, as supposed to annoy these fairies. In the rains a different method is employed as the the pits gets swamped out but of that more anon.

A RAJABAI TOWER TRAGEDY.

A TERRIBLE incident occurred at the Rajabai Tower yesterday morning. Policeman No. 1663 A, who was doing duty in the University Gardens, heard the thud of a heavy body falling on the ground. On going up to the spot, he saw a Parsee lad aged about 18 years lying dead in front of the portico of the University Library. An unbrella was lying near him and bore the name N. N. Sethna. The lad had evidently fallen from the Tower. Information was given to the Police stations and Inspector Hamilton immediately went to the scene. It is not known how or for what purpose the boy went up the tower. It has been necessary during the last few years to obtain permission from the University Registrar before the ascent of the tower can be made. It appears that a man from Messrs. Lund and Blockley goes up the tower every morning to wind the clock; and it is believed that during this visit yesterday morning the door leading up to the tower might have been left open by accident and the deceased might have obtained access to it. The name of the boy was subsequently found to be Nadirsha N. Sethna. It will be remembered that some years ago two Parsee young ladies fell from the Tower and were killed.

In the evening, Mr. P. Byrne, Coroner for Bombay, held an inquest on the body of the deceased at the University Library. Superintendent Grenan who was assisted by Inspector Hamilton, conducted the inquiry.

Mr. Nussurwanji Pallonji Sethna, uncle of the deceased, deposed that the deceased lived with his mother at Mhow. He came to Bombay on the 3rd instant to take up his appointment as clerk to Mr. N. H. Patuck merchant. On Thursday the deceased came to witness' house at Chinchpoogly and said he was going to Mount Abu yesterday on his master's business. He then appeared to be cheerful.

Mr. Nowroji Hormusji Patuck stated that the deceased was his clerk and boarded and lodged with him at his house at Girgaum. At ten o'clock yesterday morning the deceased asked permission of witness to go out to see his uncle. He said he had some important business. Witness asked him to wait, but he persisted. Witness gave him leave to go. He looked a little queer and insistent. Witness did not see him alive after that.

Annie Marsins a ayah in the service of Mr. Patuck deposed that yesterday morning she saw the deceased leave home apparently rather in anger. He had a letter in his hand. She saw him read and put it into his pocket.

Rumrao Motabhay Rane, a Hindu boy, stated that he was a pupil of the Elpinstone Middle School. At about half past eleven o'clock yesterday morning he came to the University buildings with three other boys to see the Rajabai Tower. Witness brought with him a note from his grandfather, Mr. Dhakji Kashinathji. He presented the note to a University peon, who took it in. He then returned and opened the door leading up to the tower. Witness and his companions went up to the terrace above the clock dial. On reaching the balcony witness saw the deceased walking about it. He asked witness and his friends whether a person would die if he jumped from the balcony. Witness said that would certainly be the result. He then asked witness to lend him a pencil, but witness had none to give. Witness and his friends then came down. They found the door locked. They knocked at it and it was opened by another peon. As soon as they got out they saw the deceased lying dead on the ground. Witness did not notice anything extraordinary about the deceased, when he spoke to him on the balcony. It took witness and his companions about fifteen minutes to come down, as they made frequent halts.

Narayen Baloo, clock-winder of Messrs Lund and Blockley said he came to the Rajabai Tower at 10 a. m. every day to wind the clock. Witness had a key of the lower door of the tower. When he went up the Tower yesterday the left the lower door open. He always kept it open, because it could be locked only from outside. He did not see anybody in the Tower when he came down. It was possible for any one to conceal himself in the dark portion of the stairs. It took half an hour to wind the clock. He did not go up the balcony.

Luxuman Balloo, peon in charge of the Tower deposed that the person wishing to see the Tower brought a written application with him, and on the Registrar signing it, he was allowed to go up the Tower. In the absence of the Registrar, the head clerk signed the application. Witness let the visitors in and out of the Tower. He also allowed people to go up on receiving either verbal or written order from any of the Registrar's clerks. Yesterday he admitted four Hindu boys in the Tower on receiving an order from the head clerk. No record was kept of the visitors to the Tower. After letting in the boys he closed the door after them.

After some further evidence had been recorded, the jury returned a verdict of suicide,

THE AGA KHAN HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA vs. ROYAL SCOTS.

IN the second round of the Aga Khan Hockey Tournament last evening on the Cooperage the Bombay Gymkhana met the Royal Scots. There was again a good attendance. The Gymkhana defended the Bandstand goal. For a few minutes even play was witnessed, the ball went backwards and forwards in midfield; but at length the right wing of the Scots got going and S. Phillips on the left failing to stop the rush, a chance presented itself to the Scots' right inside. The ball, however, went over and from the bully on the "25" the game was again taken to midfield. A throw in low down at the Gymkhana end again saw the ball before the goal, but after a sharp melee a clearance was effected, R. Phillips ran down on the left and passed across to P. F. Fischer who took the ball in unsided. He was, however, unable to make a shot and the right back again relieved. "Kicks" in front of the Gymkhana goal resulted in a most exciting melee, but the Gymkhana defended stubbornly and the Scots were unable to put the ball through. The Scots continued to press but at length from a bully on the "25" the Gymkhana forwards broke through and Fischer went down on the left. He was again pulled up by the Scots' right back. Brander had another capital run helped by Griffiths and sticks against the Scots assisted the Gymkhana to get into the ring. They were again driven back, however, and after a spell of midfield play, the forward line of the Scots got right in. Their centre put in a shot which was well saved but the ball was returned and this time found the net, The Gymkhana played up pluckily and forced the game. When half time arrived the Scots were hard at work defending, but the whistle was blown without further addition to the score, which read: Royal Scots 1 goal; Bombay Gymkhana, 0 goal.

On the resumption the Scots reassumed the aggressive and after a good deal of rapid play in the neighbourhood of the Gymkhana goal the Scots outside left sent in a splendid shot which was saved in remarkable fashion by the Gymkhana custodian. "Sticks" against the Gymkhana close in might have been dangerous but the Scots spoiled their chance by a corresponding foul, and the ball went to the other end. However the Scotchmen came again and a good centre from their outside left gave the ball to their centre forward who had a clear course, and the ball went into the net for a second time. Later on, sticks low down against the Gymkhana resulted in another goal. The ball was put straight across from right to left, and the left inside receiving it inside the circle dropped it in the net a rather lucky shot. Two minutes' later the Scots again drove their opponents back, and a good pass gave the ball to the Scots right outside who put in a stinger which found its way through half a dozen men and reached the net. There was no further scoring up to time and the game ended:—

Royal Scots .... 4 goals.
Bombay Gymkhana .... 0 nil.

YORKS AND LANCS vs. ELPHINSTONE COLLEGE.

Having defeated the Elphinstone High School on the Marine Lines Maidan, the Yorks and Lancs met the Elphinstone College yesterday afternoon on the same ground and came off with well merited success. A large crowd of spectators lined the enclosure. At the start the ball was driven from one end of the field to the other. However, the collegians soon settled down, and assumed the offensive Sharp contests followed in the near vicinity of the military goal, and as a result of repeated attacks the collegians scored their first goal within ten minutes of the commencement of the play. For a long while after this, the Elphinstonians maintained the upper hand by clever passing. But the military defence was sound and no alteration was made on the score sheet up to half time.

Play had hardly recommenced when one of the military team was badly hurt and operations had to be suspended for a while. On continuation an even game was witnessed. Eventually however, the military team improved, and bore down upon their opponents' goal. It was now the turn of the College goal to be under attack and a hot drive gave the Yorks and Lancs their first goal. The military team followed up their advantage and in a short time scored second goal. Play became more brisk amidst a considerable excitement the Elphinstonians forced their way down to the military goal and once more their ball met their rivals' net, the game being two all. Hardly ten minutes were none left for play and the Collegians appeared to be suffering from fatigue. The soldiers turned the opportunity to their advantage, and the College goal was repeatedly attacked and corners forced, But the brilliant defence of the goal-keeper averted danger until, till a moment before the whistle announced the close of the game when the ball passed over his head.

The Yorks and Lancs thus ran out winners, the score being:—

Yorks and Lancs.................. 3.
Elphinstone College.................. 2.

FAREWELL SOCIAL AND CONCERT AT LANOULI.

HONOURING A RAILWAY OFFICIAL.

IF any one were to ask what made Mr Mc Niel, our Superintendent at Lanouli, so very popular, and our Farewell Social on the 11th, in his honour, such an unqualified success, writes a correspondent, I should answer with the following homily—"that 'all who Run, (?) may read' and apply as the case may be. There is a little maxim that ought to be a fundamental principle of superiors in every service in dealing with and judging their subordinates for the minor offences which invariably occur amongst them and which it were better and more tactful, in many cases, to eradicate without resorting to stringent measures. There is a way of doing this which only those large-hearted broad-minded natures who can 'Live and let live,' thoroughly comprehend. It may be 'part and parcel' of their natures, but it is a virtue which wins our approbation and which we instinctively recognise in another. We feel we are understood and will not be treated either like human clods or a well tempered piece of machinery warranted to work for a stated term without coming to grief.

How then, Mr. Mc Niel, the district Locomotive Superintendent of Lanouli has won the warm esteem and regard of all alike under his control and with whom he has come in contact during his short tenure of office is easy to infer. All are heartily sorry to wish him goodbye and all would like to see him here again. The working staff have found in him both a master and friend whose kindness and consideration for their well-being has always been evident. His genial disposition and cheery manner have won him the regard of both old and young. As Lieutenant-Colonel of the Railway Volunteer Corps, he is extremely popular and there is nothing "McNeil's Men" would not do to please him, as was evident by the way in which they distinguished themselves at the last Camp of Exercise

Mr. McNiel being on the eve of his departure for England on furlough, the project of giving him some impressive evidence of their hearty good-will and sincere regard, was responded to "con amore" by the Railway employes of all departments. Contributions flowed in till a very generous sum was realised; but, as it is against rule for officials to accept costly offerings from employes it was decided to organise a "Farewell Social and Concert" which should be a record one, in his honour, and also to present him with a Silver Casket and address expressive of their sentiments. The arrangements for the success of the entertainment left nothing to be desired and great praise is due to Mr. C. Geddes, the Hon Secretary, the working committee and amateur performers, for the excellent way in which the programme was carried out. The large hall of the Railway Institute gaily decorated and tastefully arranged, presented an attractive appearance, considerably supplimented by pretty faces and "recherche" costumes. A large number of visitors in the stations were present and also officials and staff from various stations on the line, including Mr. and Mrs Wenden. Dainty refreshments were provided by Mr. C. Connel of Woodlands Hotel. A smart string band was in attendance, but the chief charm of the evening lay in the rendering of the various songs and solos set down in the programme, which ran as follows:—

PART I.

Overture ... ... String Band
Song (Character) ... The Jewel of Asa ... Geisha
Mrs REEL
Song (Comic) ... The Huntsman ... Dan Leno
Mr CLARKE
Song ... Goodbye ... Tosti
Miss O'NEILL
Violin Solo ... (selected)
Mr FRANK ANDERSON
Song (Duet) ... La Serenata ... Braga
Mrs and Miss HUMPHREYS
Song (Comic) ... Belles of Liza
Mr BEASE
Song (Patriotic) ... John Bull's Store
Miss RENEE REEL
Vocal Duet ... The Toy Duet
Misses G GEDDES and RENEE REEL

PART II

Song (Comic) ... You know
Mr BEASE
Song (Serio-comic) ... Men, Men
Miss G GEDDES
Violin Solo ... Selected
Mr F ANDERSON
Song ... Rose in June
Miss HUMPHREYS
Song (Comic) ... Khaki
Mr BEASE
Song ... When the heart is young
Mrs REEL
Song ... Song & Dance Selected
Miss RENEE REEL

Miss. N. Connell's rich and powerful contralto is a pleasure to hear. She sings with remarkable ease and absence of effort and would be heard to advantage in a larger hall. Miss Humphrey's sang charmingly and her La Seranata was sweetly pretty. Mrs. Reel sang in her usual impressing style and Miss R. Reel and Mr. Bease fairly brought the house down. "You know" was screamingly funny and the others equally good. Miss Renee Reel earned deafening applause for "John Bull's Store." She made a splendid miniature "Khaki" and gave her songs with a "brave and aplomb" admirable in one so young. The "Toy Duet" with Miss G. Geddes was well done as also was the skirt dancing.

During the interval, Mr. T Brown, Station Master of Lanouli, read the address, which was admirably suitable and touched upon Mr. McNiel's popularity. Mr. Wenden, the Agent of the G. I. P. Railway, then presented him with the handsome silver casket which contained the address. It was supported by an ebony stand and was engraved with Mr. McNiel's monogram and crest.

Mr. McNiel responded briefly with a tremor of emotion in his voice. He said:—"Ladies and Gentlemen, I can scarcely find words to express myself, in thanking you for the very warm and cordial reception you have given me this evening and also for the excellent entertainment you have honoured Mrs. Mc Niel and myself with. We both thank you most heartily. Lanouli has always been a dear spot to me and I shall carry away very pleasurable memories of it indeed, I wish you all every good while I am away and sincerely hope to see you all again when I return from my long furlough.

The band then played "He's a Jolly good Fellow" and "Our Super" despite protests was hoisted by strong hands and paraded round the room amid uproarious applause and mirth. At the conclusion of the second portion of the programme, chairs etc. were removed, and as many as could find standing room, joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne." The "Super" was again hoisted up by more hands and paraded for a longer interval.

Dancing began shortly after and was kept up with spirit till dawn.

PASSENGERS BY THE HOME-WARD MAIL.

THE following passengers proceed to-day, by the P. and O. Co.'s steamer Moldavia, for Marseilles and London:—

Lieut-Col and Mrs R B Ros
Miss O K Wood
Mrs Doderet
Lieut-Col C R Phillips
Mr E P Broodway
Mrs R Clarke
Mr J Barker
Major G S Rodon
Mr W R Rae
Col F B Richardson
Mr Alex Allan
Miss Eissner
Mr H N Alexander
Mr W R Lewis
Miss D M Lewis
Mr B Manson
Mr T Gordon Walker
Mr W G Meyrich
Mr and Mrs W Parry
Mr A S Caming
Mr H A Smith
Col F S L Penno
Mr H A C Williams
Mr and Mrs W Donald Smith
Mr and Mrs Norris
Mr F and Mrs Clifford
Sir Lewis Tupper
Lady and Miss Tupper
Mr and Mrs J B McNeill
Mr P Bosworth Smith
Mr Hormusjee
Mr H Elworthy
Mr E F Soetour
Mr J B Picton
Mr and Mrs A J Laine and 2 infants
Rev A Moffat
Mr A H Wellmen
Mr H C Mules
Major T M Ward
Mr J C Moloey
Miss M E Short
Mrs J Crawford Wilson
Mr W B Morren
Mr E Dickinson
Capt S P Ellwood
Mr W L La Touche
Mr and Mrs A H Muir, two children and infant
Mr G W Deane
Mr and Mrs W Parker
Mr and Mrs N H Moos
Rev S Leigh Lye
Mr H Smith
Mr W D Barkitt
Mr T J Couldrey
Miss Cruickshank
Mr W Hanby
Mrs E Lawrence and child
Mr A L M Moncrieff
Mr C S Connell
Mr A J W Kitchin
Mr F B Toanawalla
Mr C G Smith
Mr F E Bull
Mr H A Colquhoun
Mr C Frank,
Mr Moritz
Mr T Wake,
Capt and Mrs C G Webster 2 children and infant
Mr H Phillips
Mr R Hooper
Mr S P Cook
Col G G Cunningham
Mr L W Reynolds
Mr and Mrs W B Ayling
Mr Lal Chand
Mr Bodri Nath
Major Rupert Leigh
Mr J Bernhard
Mr E Roberts
Mrs and Miss Procter
Mr W Procter,
Col and Mrs Campbell Ross
Miss Campbell Ross
Miss Fair
Rev A A and Mrs Outram and 2 infants
Dr M L Smith
Miss Hughes
Mr Chetty
Mr L W A Herbert
Miss M Lindsay
Major and Mrs C A Redcliffe
Mr Currie
Mr E C Cholmondeley
Rev Canon Luckman
Mr Raymond
Two Misses Raymond
Mr J Fraser
Mr A H Chichgur
Mr A H A Karim
Mr and Mrs M Subrahmanniem
Four Misses Sinha and Tutor
Major C H Melville
Mrs Hodgson
Mr P H Warburton
Mr E R Osgood
Major R A Smith
Mr H C S Stewart
Miss Atkinson
Mrs Claude White
Mr B Heston
Mrs M C Begg
Miss Brooke
Miss Dunsford
Lieut-Col R Harman
Dr and Mrs J D O Donell child and infant
Mr M C McAlpin
Mr J M Temple
Miss Whitney
Mr J Paddy
Mrs Duncan and child
Mr and Mrs Norman Scott and infant
Mrs Fox Strangways
Mr L W Macdonald
Mrs A W Brodie
Mr Botham
Mr C M Marsh
Lieut H F Burton
Capt W A Payn
Lieut W E Wilson Johnson
Mr C Fisher
Lieut Macpherson
Col H S Wheatley
Mrs Voyle and 2 children
Capt E B Cotter
Lieut Col and Mrs H G Wortsbit
Mrs B Macfarlane and 2 infants
Mr and Mrs S J F Berkley
Mrs A H McLean
Mr A H Block
Miss & Jones
Mr P V Macdonald
Mr and Mrs D R Crawford
Mr and Mrs J Graham
Mr J S Heaney
Mr A R Macintosh
Mr W S Lindsay
Lieut G W Hemans
Mr G E Clarke
Col C W W Burton
Mr A C Pratt
Mr Ramchand
Capt A Robinson
Mrs A C Sells and infant
Lieut F G Porter
Mr Tylden-Pattenson
Mr A L Queripel
Miss E Porter
Mr and Mrs Charles W White
Mr S C Sen
Mr M E Nigel Jones
Mrs J Ward
Mr C Brown
Mr E A Wood
Mr J H Wood
Mr H C Wood
Miss C C Wood
Mr and Mrs G W Moir and child
Mr M J Bosch
Mr and Mrs Kotval and child
Capt W K Scharlich,
Mr R H Patuck
Mr B J Barlow
Mr and Mrs Oliver 2 children and infant
Mr Ricketts
Mrs Jervis 3 children and infant
Genl and Mrs R M Greenfield
Mr and Mrs F W Schonemann
Capt and Mrs C Henstoy 2 children, inft and nurse
Mrs J Bell and 2 sons
Mr J W Morris
Mr H A Whymper
Maj J W Lears
Mr and Mrs W H Coles and infant
Mrs Tonge
Mrs W Reynolds
Mr A W Gordon
Mrs Marshall Webb
Mr E L Barton and Miss
Mr and Mrs C Bader and 3 children
Mr and Mrs Parry and 3 children and inft
Mr and Mrs Sassoon and 2 Misses
Mrs K A Reynold
Surg-Maj Clarendon Smith
Shaikh Abdul Quadir
Miss Whitley
Lieut E C Webb
Mr A J Saville
Mr Dadaji Dhackji
Mr and Mrs Stauber
Mrs A D Morton
Lt C V Lanyon
Capt R W Purvis
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Hon Mrs McLaren Morrison
Mr E Walker
Mr Byrne
Mr Six
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Mr C J E Jones
Mr Pass

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

Some New Picture Gowns.

THE QUEST OF BEAUTY.

MODERN WOMEN'S MANNERS.

LONDON, APRIL 22.

THE distinctive feature of modern dress is the preference for picture gowns. These frocks are, almost without exception, copied from a past epoch, although modernised by the skill of the tailor and modiste. To meet this old-time beauty in colour new tones and blendings have also been evolved. The newest is a delicate tint called "dried rose." It is really the colour of a dry rose petal, which while still preserving the soft rose hue, is tinged with fading brown in pale tints. Pinkish grey is another new spring shade, and when trimmed with pinked-out ruches combining the two colours a gown of this tone is most attractive. For all gowns except the tailor-made soft materials are used. Silk will be used more than ever this summer. A new silk, shown in self-figured weaves and brilliant colours softly shadowed, combines exquisitely with chiffons and nets. In gun metal grey silks, shot with diamonds or dots, effective gowns are seen for middle-aged women, whose bonnets for such toilets show a touch of yellow, amber, or deep-toned orange. Yellow is a frequent contrast with spring dresses, while violet is seen with green and black and white with all colours. Another self-figured silk which is in faint mauves and greys is used by the French modistes. A new wrinkle with louisines is the introduction of broche figures in a contrasting shade. Some of the backgrounds of these also show a faint moire. Lastly, among the silk novelties is lace chiffon, a gauze-like fabric with plaid patterns outlined in drawn threads—in the weaving.

The new silk dresses are made with blouses and skirts, over which are worn the most fanciful little boleros or long, wide fichus of the same material. Gauged, flounced, and gathered skirts are the rule for taffeta silk, while the jacket or fichu always has a trimming to correspond. Embroidered chiffon gowns are already to be seen, and they are made still more elaborate by added embroidery of another colour, or with insertions or lace, on which are embroideries of chiffon or silk. Some of the gowns are so made that they show very little plain chiffon. The colourings of these gowns are exquisite in the faintest possible shades of colour and white. The bolero jacket, the fichu and the draped blouse, with skirt to correspond, is the favourite fashion for this style of gown, which, of course, must be ranked among the most elaborate models. Picturesque gowns are also made of voile, with fichus and ruchings of taffeta silk. In model the new spring gowns accentuate the picturesque note of the winter styles—an exception is the overskirt effect, a decided spring novelty. A costume definitely overskirted is made of pale violet voile, with light bronze silk fringes, which garnitures in several widths embellish a number of the French frocks. A single row of the fringe edges the plain skirt, whose short apron drapery, ending at the back with shaped sashes, is bordered in the same way. The cape collar, also fringe trimmed, and fastening to the belt back and front, is the main feature of the bodice whose stock and cuffs are of white lace. The sleeves are bell shape over under puffs of the voile, and the wide belt is of violet panne.

To go with this gown a flat hat of violet panama has been designed, trimmed with a wreath of bronze silk roses and a violet plume. Another odd skirt model has a hip yoke of gauging and two deep wide strips of the same lower down. The front panel of the skirt, which is otherwise untrimmed, ends in a sharp point, and a blocked collar gives the cape touch to the blouse. Material of this mushroom-coloured voile, with black net, quilled into a single narrow ruching, edges the cape. Directoire styles are decidedly popular for evening wear. The flowing draperies of the gown, confined by a deep-shaped stomacher, are often supplemented by voluminous wraps, whose cut is lost sight of in the beauty of their colouring and the materials of which they are made. The wide girdle which has grown steadily upward has now became a full-blown stomacher. Someting of the charm of the Directoire styles is shown in one of the illustrations, a gown which well exhibits a return to the fashion of a romantic age. It is made of taffeta, brocaded with old rose-tinted blossoms. The skirt is very long and full and set upon the belt with wide pleats. Fine mousseline edged with lace, is draped fichu wise round the shoulders, and fastened at the side with a cluster of roses. The wide girdle is made of satin mousseline. The loose mantle is of the richest satin edged with ruchings of mousseline round the edges and in the dainty head piece, which is carelessly thrown over the head.

"What can't be cured must be endured" is far from true when it comes to personal defects. Countless of them can be cured, and whenever experiment has proved that they can't be, the defect can be hidden out of sight under a bunch of flowers, a strip of pearls, or a bow of ribbon. Defects of face and neck are harder to conceal than those of figure, but "there are tricks in all trades" applies to the beauty trade as well as to others. Don't for a minute think that concealment is just as good as cure. By all means work to develop a round neck rather than to hide a scrawny one. Work to start a natural glow in the cheeks rather than to brighten them by the reflection from a pink hat facing. But beauty culture is usually a slow process, and before its results are accomplished there is no reason why advantage should not be taken of a few harmless tricks to cheat critical eyes. Only a wasting disease can prevent a girl having a round neck if she works persistently at neck exercises. Meanwhile, ingenuity should be used to hide the as yet ungraceful lines of the developing neck. With the evening dress the task is difficult. A jewelled collarette solves, the problem better than anything else Any kind of necklace is a help to the woman whose head grows too high above her body. It cuts the over-long line, just as a girdle cuts that of the figures.

For the girl who is not lucky enough to possess jewels there are numberless dainty substitutes. Collarettes ornamented with jet or coral beads are worn. Nothing is more becoming than the band of black velvet ribbon tied firmly about the throat and finished with a bow behind. The width of this may be from one to two inches. It enhances the whiteness of neck and shoulders. Just now these velvet bands are worn a great deal with an ornament in front either a fancy pin clasped through the ribbon or a locket slipped over it. Nothing is so fashionable as the old-fashioned. A cameo, or mosaic or a bit of old filigree silver will finish a band of velvet ribbon according to the latest mode. The girl with the short neck has a harder problem to confront than her lengthy sister. She must be careful to avoid fluffy neck trimmings and heavy necklaces. Necklaces she had better dispense with altogether, except the slender chain, which is very loose. Such a one will fall at the front into a V shape, and have a tendency to lengthen the throat line. By day she may wear her over-collar directly upon her blouse band, while the long necked girl must use fairly high stocks.

Once more the subject of modern manners—or, rather, the lack of them has come to the fore, and once more women are pointed out as the great offenders by a contributor to one of our most popular woman's weeklies. The writer of the article attributes the reasons of woman's want of manners to the progress made by the sex in freedom and education. Surely the writer can hardly have grasped the enormous change which has come over the social life of to-day, when woman, having descended from the isolated heights she occupied in our grandmothers' day, mixes more freely in the world of business and pleasure. It is hardly to be expected that having altered their cramped, restricted conditions of life, women are going to continue the stiff old fashioned code of behaviour which was formerly considered good form. With the less artificial standard has come a more comfortable and homely code of manners in relation both with members of their own and the opposite sex. In spite of all that is preached against women never have they been more natural, more companionable, and charming than they are to-day. Having laid aside their attitude of aloofness and superiority, they have adopted a graceful charm of manner which extends to all classes and is one of the triumphs of modern social life.

Can it be that the unknown lady mentioned in the Press last Monday who, rushing into a street fight, greatly assisted the police of Kennington, is one of the early pioneers of Jiu-jitsu, the Japanese system of wrestling which, according to report, is the latest fad among Society women? This graceful exercise, which is being taught in England by Yukio Tani, the great Japanese exponent of the art, has already proved an attraction to both American and English women. Its teachers contend that on account of proficiency in the art being all a question of quickness and knack, and requiring no muscular strength, it is particularly adapted to ladies, who prove enthusiastic pupils, and learn far more rapidly than men. Not only is wrestling improving to the general physique, but it is particularly beneficial in helping to improve the figure. It imparts a graceful carriage, and does more for beauty and health than all the doctors and beauty specialists put together. Golf, skating, cycling, and all the various branches of sport indulged in by the Amazons [illegible] taught women how impossible it is [illegible] become proficient without [illegible]

So that it is quite possible that Jiu-jitsu has come to stay, and will prove more than the passing fad of the moment.

The anniversary of Primrose Day reminds us what a power that huge voluntary organization, "The Primrose League," has become. Not only has it brought the eternal feminine prominently into the political arena of the Conservative party, but it has also contributed a vast additional force which the party would otherwise have found impossible to command. In its early days there were many who were ready to laugh at the Primrose Dames and their methods, but subsequent events have proved their value in the political field, and demonstrated that by bringing the social characteristic of the sex into play and so relieving the dulness of politics, women can not only take an active part in elections, but can do much toward drawing together the rank and file of the party. The Primrose Dames have been actively at work for nearly twenty years, during which period they have earned a reputation for zeal and discretion. At the outset it was feared that some of the fair members might fall easy victims to the Corrupt Practices Act, but the fact remains that in no election petition so far has a Primrose Dame ever figured in court. The late Lord Salisbury paid many tributes to the League, the highest perhaps being that it had done much to awaken that Imperial spirit which has swept over the country of late years, and thus helped the people of England to realise the great reponsibilities which they inherit.

AMERICA AND ABYSSINIA.

THE following extracts from an article in "Dun's Review" on American trade with Abyssinia shows the rate at which the United States follow up their advantages :—

"Last November the United States Consul-General at Marseilles, Mr. Robert P. Skinner, was sent by the Government at Washington on a special mission to Abyssinia for the purpose of negotiating a commercial treaty with King Menelik and of gathering information regarding the trade resources of that country. The outcome of this mission is a treaty with Menelik's Government, which, if ratified by the Senate, will secure for the United States the privilege of the most favored nation in Ethiopia and at the same time guarantee to Americans and to their merchandise immunity from discrimination in rates upon all public roads and lines of communication.

The fact which is most strikingly brought out in the Skinner report is that in the Abyssinians we have a people who are unmistakably in a state of transition from semi-barbarism to civilization. The mission was received at the capital of the nation by a retinue arrayed in gorgeous silks and satins, with lion and leopard skin mantles, gold and silver buckles, and carrying lances from which floated the national colors. Its coming was also heralded by a band of shawm players with "weird music which has not changed since the fall of Jericho." But the mission was also welcomed by a salute from a company of native artillerymen under a European officer, and when it retired from its audience with the King it was escorted by Abyssinian troops in European uniforms, accompanied by a band playing European instruments. Incongruous as the picture may seem, we have here striking evidence of the fact that Etiopia has begun to turn its back on the past and to put itself under the sway of modern influences.

It is interesting to note that, without the presence on the spot of an American citizen or the advantage of official contact, the United States has absorbed a very considerable share of the foreign trade of Abyssinia. And it is also noteworthy that the first commodity to make its presence felt in this new field is the product of our cotton mills. On this point Consul General Skinner makes a statement regarding which some very interesting deductions can be drawn. He definitely accounts for annual imports of American cotton goods into Ethiopia to the value of 600,000. dols. These imports may be traced to a very interesting source. Coffee is a leading product of Abyssinia, and the firms which handle the crop have adopted the following method to obtain it at a low cost: They buy cotton goods at 87 cents, delivered and duty paid, per piece of thirty yards, and the goods are then sold to the small merchants at 1.95 dols. to 2.70. dols. The coffee exporters buy where they can obtain cotton goods on the most favourable terms, and the fact that American cottons exceed in amount those of any other nation in the imports of Abyssinia is an evidence of the firm hold which the products of our mills have obtained on the world's market.

The United States has in its turn been a comparatively large consumer of Abyssinian products. For instance, the exports of merchandise from Djibouti in 1902 were 721,036 dols. consisting principally of coffee from Menelik's kingdom, and of this amount 638 948 dols. was shipped to Aden for re-exportation to the United States via Liverpool. There were also exports of raw skins to the amount of 77,621. dols. These went to Aden, whence they were all shipped to Americay.

Should Abyssinia be on the eve of a real development, the fact would be of no little importance to the commercial nations of the world. A market of 10,000,000 persons, steadily increasing in civilization and rapidly enlarging and diversifying their wants is certainly worth cultivating."

THE DRAMA IN HADES.

MR. W. S. GILBERT DRAWS A POIGNANT PICTURE.

IT is on record, Mr. W. S. Gilbert said, at the Gallery First Nighters' Club dinner, that a reporter, describing a case of suicide, concluded: "No reason can be assigned for the rash act, seven-and-sixpence having been found on the body of the deceased." He was himself, Mr. Gilbert continued, somewhat in the position of the suicide. His friends were good enough to say there was seven-and-sixpence worth of dramatic invention remaining in his cranium but notwithstanding, he had retired to an obscure corner of Harrow Weald, and so to speak, blown out his brains. It was true that an enterprising actor-manager had recently disinterred him, but he was to be put up as a stop-gap, and when that purpose had been fulfilled he would be decently reinterred.

So he was there not so much as the guest as the ghost of the evening—the skeleton at the banquet—and felt qualified to return thanks for the drama as it exists in Hades—a drama in which the audience is entirely composed of "deadheads," in which all the plays that are produced are "damned." A drama in which the actor-manager who has erred in the direction of hard-boiled egotism, a tendency to self-avertisement, is doomed to find his name mentioned in the smallest possible type, and is shut off for ever from the fierce limelight. A drama in which leading ladies who have been proved to be misleading ladies are doomed to "walk on" in cheap and ill-fitting reach-me-downs constructed in the fashion of the year before last. A drama in which the gallery first-nighter is doomed to applaud enthusiastically plays of which he has a poor opinion. A drama in which dramatic authors—but no on second thoughts, there are no dramatic authors in Hades. These noble and gentle spirits wend their way to a nobler and gentler sphere.

Mr. Gilbert added that he thought the jeremiads as to the condition of the drama were exaggerated. A hundred years ago the same cry that it was on the down grade was heard.

MURDER MADE EASY.

POWER OF THE SPANISH "CACIQUE."

IN Osedo, a village in Galicia, says a Madrid Correspondent, a most extraordinary case of man slaughter was perpetrated by a young man of good position who upon coming out of church [illegible] upon a young farmer and [illegible] revolver shots at him point-blank, and [illegible].

It appears that this young gentleman is the political boss of the village, as [illegible] his father, considering all the inhabitants as vassals, and as powerful within his jurisdiction as any monarch within his realm. To such an extent had this feeling of superiority grown that the young man grew to [illegible] all intercourse with his neighbours—so much so that in church he had several square yards set apart in front of the altar where no one was admitted excepting he and his family.

Several farmers, angered by the shameless proceedings of their cacique, and headed by the young victim of the crime, strode boldly across the reserved square during church service whereupon the cacique's anger was aroused, and upon going home he rapidly and silently went up to the trespasser and fired upon him.

The murderer will probably be allowed to go scot free, for he is the political boss of the village, comparable only to the feudal lords of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, besides he is protected by some mightier boss, who is able to make the Ministers tremble in their shoes in Madrid.

AIRSHIP RACING.

PARTICULARS were announced at the meeting of the Aeronautical Institute of a series of propeller tests which the institute hopes to start in the autumn.

A track, made either of suspended wires or rails, will be constructed, probably at the Crystal Palace. Small cars, taking their currents from the rails or wires, will have the propellers fixed to them, and be allowed to run free. Their time will be taken over the whole distance, thus testing the power of the propellers.

Already a dozen members have intimated their readiness to send in propellers, and many others are expected to follow suit. The Institute will award silver and bronze medals for the best propellers.

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SPENCER STORIES.

GRANT ALLEN'S REMINISCENCES OF THE PHILOSOPHER.

WHAT is, perhaps, the most interesting article which has appeared on the author of the Synthetic Philosophy is published in the current number of the "Forum." The article was written by the late Grant Allen ten years ago, on the understanding that it should not be published during Spencer's lifetime. The younger man was first to die. Allen and Spencer were close friends for many years, and although the former saw reason to dissent from the latter on a large number of subjects (notably it may be imagined on political questions) that did not alter his opinion of the man. Grant Allen thinks that Spencer possessed "the finest brain and the most marvellous intellect ever yet vouchsafed to human being."

In the year 1876 Grant Allen, who had had correspondence with Spencer but had never seen him resolved to call upon the philosopher. He knew the house was in Queen's-Gardens, Bayswater, but forgot the number.

Arrived at Queen's Gardens, I asked from house to house, did Mr. Herbert Spencer live there? Imagine the result, oh cultivated Boston, oh eager Chicago! The supercilias British footmen eyed me with suspicion: "Spencer? Spencer? never heard such a name; might, perhaps, be at the boarding-house." I tried the policeman, "Spencer? No, nobody. Must have come to the wrong address." Great Heavens, I thought, could this happen anywhere else in the world but in England? The greatest philosopher that ever drew breath, the maximum brain on earth, is living in this Square—and not a soul in the place has ever heard of him.

Speaking of Spencer's personal appearance, Grant Allen says his first impression was disappointing.

There are great men who look their greatness the moment you see them—for example, George Meredith. Spencer did not. You would say, at a cursory glance, the confidential clerk of an old house in the City. Afterward, when I got to know him better, I saw there was far more in the face than that indeed, though always disappointing, it mirrored in some respects the idiosyncrasy behind it.

Spencer lived in a boarding-house in Queen's-Gardens for twenty years, but he only breakfasted and lunched in the house.

His work was all done in a bare little room, lined round with books, which he hired over a milkshop in Bayswater, and the address of which he kept secret even from the lady who kept the boarding-house, in order that the servants might be able truthfully to say they "didn't know where Mr. Spencer was." to people who called during his working hours.

Spencer's passion for generalisations was amusing. He generalised incessantly; almost everything he said was a generalisation.

If you remarked it was a fine day, Spencer would answer: "Yes, anticyclonic conditions like those of yesterday seldom break up without warning of the advent of a depression from westward." If you observed that Mrs. Jones was a pretty woman, Spencer would reply: "Her father was a West Highlander and her mother an Irishwoman and intermarriage between Highlanders and Irish almost always produces physically handsome but intellectually inferior children."

Spencer felt rather bitterly, though silently, in later life the injustice done him by the world—which accepted his word Evolution, and individual phrases of his invention, such as the survival of the fittest, and implicitly ascribed the whole credit of them to Darwin. In this connection Grant Allen quotes a letter sent to him by Spencer, in which the latter says :—

"The continual misstatements publicly made or implied I have been, for these five-and-twenty years, obliged to pass in silence; because not only would it have been in bad taste for me to take any overt step in rectification of them, but doubtless by most I should have been regarded with alienated feelings rather than as one who had not been fairly dealt with."

We have already recently been allowed a peep into Spencer's relations with George Eliot. It is interesting to come across the following in this article :—

He said he had never been in the least moved by "Marian Evans"—so he always called her—as a woman, and that the reports of his having been in love with her were wholly mistaken. . . . Certain reservations in his treatment of the relation of the sexes in the "Principles of Sociology" have evidently been dictated by his view of George Eliot's connection with Lewes. Though a stern and conservative moralist on these points, I believe he approved of their peculiar relation.

There are many other interesting stories in this posthumous article, which concludes by saying :—"The twenty-fifth century will do him justice."

CAPTURE OF BOER BUSH-RANGERS.

SENSATIONAL RUMOURS OF A WIDE PLOT.

A CENTRAL NEWS telegram from Johannesburg states that the bushrangers, who have been captured in the Lydenburg District of the Transvaal, are five Dutchmen and two Englishmen. The man who is alleged to be the ringleader is a former officer of the Orange Free State Artillery, and when captured wore a tunic of the corps. The men made for a farmhouse when they found they were being tracked down, but the building was surrounded by about 300 troops. Still the bushrangers tried to evade capture, and when summoned to surrender they made a bold dash on horseback for about a mile. It was midnight at the time, but a detachment of troopers gave chase, and the fugitives yielded when their pursuers levelled their rifles. The charge to be preferred against the men is that of high treason, and it is believed that the Crown authorities have intentionally made this indictment in order to procure sentence of banishment on conviction of the accused. The affair has given rise to many sensational rumours, one notably being that a wholesale Boer revolt has been in contemplation and that the gang was only the nucleus of an insurgent army to overrun the two Colonies. Furthermore, that one of the first objects of the plot was to seize Lord Milner, capture British artillery, and retake Pretoria. By certain of the Government officials the exploits of Durand and his companions are viewed as causing a grave situation indicating that there is an undercurrent of unrest or intrigue among the Boers. On the other hand, the leaders repudiate the suggestion of disloyalty and contemplated rising.

The "Times" correspondent at Johannesburg says that the measures taken to run these law-breakers to earth have been connected with the recent activity of the Boer leaders and given rise to wildest rumours. The Boer leaders, adds the correspondent, have to justify their existence, and it is only natural that they should take steps to organise the people for political purposes. It is stated that the Boer leaders contemplate formulating for presentation to the Administration a demand for representative government.

The "Bloemfontein Post," according to Reuter, states, on the authority of a leading Afrikander and others, that an active revolutionary propaganda exists, the chiefs of which are three rebel ex-commandants residing in Great Namaqualand. They are stated to have established a secret society, in which the penalty for treachery on the part of any of its members is death. It is stated that a Lydenburg girl, who is the fiancee of one of the conspirators, is an active agent of the society.

FLYING BOAT.

CRAFT THAT WILL SAIL IN THE AIR AND ON THE WATER.

A BOAT capable of flying in the air as well as of floating on the water is the newest invention of Major Baden-Powell who has already made himself famous by his kites and who is a brother of the famous cavalry leader.

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The sensation is for the boat to take a flying trip through the air after rushing down a water chute and to comfortably alight on the Crystal Palace lake for a sail.

A model of the full-sized machine was shown in working order to an "Express" representative by Major Baden Powell. The boat is provided with outstretched wings like a bird. It started its adventurous voyage at the top of a chute, down which it raced in the ordinary way until near the bottom. Here the chute turns up gradually, and at the end of the upward gradient the boat is carried onward through the air by its wings and the momentum thus created.

"The boat is 18ft. long and is 50lbs. in weight," explained Major Baden-Powell. "After first experiments to ensure control I see no reason why it should not be constructed to carry passengers. The shape of the boat is after the manner of a Thames punt, with the fore and aft curves accentuated."

The Palace management are already arranging for the construction of the chute, and the first runs, in which Major Baden-Powell will be the only occupant of the boat, will be private.

A TRIUMPH OF AFFORESTATION.

A striking instance of the modification of natural conditions by human skill is that of the afforestation of the Landes and its neighbouring departments in France, some particulars of which are given in a recent United States consular report. A century ago the region between the Gironde and the Pyrenees was in most of its extent "not only one of the most barren in the world, but apparently altogether hopeless of reclamation." Sand dunes were advancing from the sea at rates varying up to 200 feet a year, swallowing up fields, meadows, vineyards, houses, churches, villages, and leaving nothing but a grey desert. The old forests had been destroyed, and now Nature was taking her revenge. There seemed no hope for the heart of France, when it occurred to Bremontier, a native of the threatened region, that the devastation might be arrested by planting the "pin maritime." The idea was submitted to Napoleon, who saw its value and ordered its execution. The result says the report, has been the greatest of his victories. "To-day the dark squadrons of the "pin maritimes are posted on thousands of sandy slopes, faithful guardians in the shelter of which the vineyards and wheat fields rest secure." They give not only protection but profit. "Lumber, firewood, turpentine, and all the by-products of resinous distillation are now produced in such abundance here as not only to prevent the need of importation but to make South-west France a considerable and profitable exporter" even to the United States.

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HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE.

IN Michigan, at least, it is very much better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all, as at least three ladies residing there would tell you if you asked them. It is owing to the will of a Mr. Waters who recently died in that part of the world, that they are placed in this happy position. He lived and died a bachelor, rather, it seems, by necessity than by desire, for in his will he left to three ladies to whom he had unsuccessfully proposed marriage the sum of £2,000 apiece. No doubt the cynical will suggest that these legacies were a mark of his gratitude rather than of his continued regret, but that is beside the point altogether.

The famous Swedish University of Upsala, which at one time counted the great Linnæus among its professors, exacts, perhaps because of this, a very high standard indeed from those who occupy its professorial chairs. For instance, a Chair of Physical Geography has just been brought into being, to occupy which a professor was sought for. Among the candidates was the celebrated explorer Otto Nordenskjold, who to the ordinary mind would seem to have many qualifications for such a position. In addition to his explorations, he has for some time past given a gratuitous course of lectures in the University. But the Academic Council have rejected his candidature, on the ground that he has insufficient scientific qualifications. Which shows us that in Upsala at least their motto is "Verbis, non factis."

It is rather a remarkable fact, in view of the present state of things that Russia and Japan were contrasted in order to point a moral by no less a person than Robespierre, so long ago as May 30, 1790. In a speech in the National Assembly on that date in which he argued against capital punishment (a subject on which he afterwards changed his mind, unfortunately), he declared that in Japan a country in which more than in any other executions and legal torture were of the commonest occurrence, crime was yet more frequent and more atrocious than anywhere else in the world. Russia on the other hand, had just then, he declared, benefited largely in the way of decreased crime by the fact that the governing despot had entirely suppressed capital punishment. One would like to know where Robespierre gleaned his knowledge of Japan, but the contrast is none the less remarkable, especially coming from such lips.

Dancing is dead, so far as Europe is concerned. This rather surprising statement is made by the very best authority—no less than the President of the French Academy of Dancing Masters and Professors. The occasion for his utterance was a Congress of Dancers recently held in Berlin. The President however, does not despair of its possible resuscitation. The remedy is simple—it is to suppress introductions. Were they done away with the reason which prevents at least half the young ladies from dancing at "hops" would disappear with them. At the same time the President candidly admitted that there were difficulties in the way of this desirable reform which one can well believe. It is interesting to note that the Congress in the course of its deliberations solemnly condemned the cake walk and the Boston as things accursed. However it may be with the Boston most of us had imagined that the cake walk was long since dead and gone.

There is a Japanese paper published in Tokio which can boast of a striking command over the English language. How striking this is may be shown by a few extracts from its English columns: Haribe, Ensign, Professor of a Military Academy' Pekin, China, committed suicide filling chagrin at that he could not proceed with the army. Ikumura divorced his one liged poor wife to respond to a call for Military labor in the battlefield. When he saw her after some days, he cut her bright black long hair, saying that do not marry another. Yozo Mori, territorial soldier, who was in Sendai, rejoiced to have been called together, and closed his house. While he is going to Nagoya with his two kinsmen he has suddenly become a war-insurance, and he left the metropolice to go back his birth place being attended them. Officers of some departments of our Government have been ordered to deposite somewhat of their sowing to any post office why? A big lecture meeting was held at Tokio Christian Young Men Association Hall at 7 p. m. The 17 ult. seven speakers did and above five hundred audiences came to hear. The police of erudition called down two of those for perhaps he misunderstood them.

After all, neither to Germany, America, nor England can the palm for the true genius of advertising be awarded. France has distinctly a higher level of attainment. Here, for instance, is an example of the reclame which appears in the ordinary news columns of a Paris paper, and which in its insinuative powers is quite admirable. A gentleman (we are told) went yesterday into a Mont-de-Piete (pawnshop) in the centre of Paris and asked for an advance on a diamond ring. After it had been tested he was offered a loan of 100 francs. He begged for a little more, pointing out the beauty of the stone. It is certainly a very fine diamond, he was told, but that is all we can give you on it. Well, he replied, I do not want to rob you. I made it myself, I can at my new branch (giving the name and number of the street), as well as at my other shops, sell you as many similar ones as you like at eight francs apiece. I am So-and so. And the famous jeweller, the notice ends taking his ring, quitted the office, leaving the assistant quite overwhelmed. Now, that is something like an advertisement.

Among the innumerable exhibitions of which one is bombarded with details from all parts of the world, that being now held at Sienna, in Italy, is by no means the least interesting, especially to those interested in art. It includes pictures, drawings, sculptures, miniatures, textile fabrics, jewellery, and the like, all designed to show in the completest manner the course of artistic production of the Siennese school from the thirteenth century to the Decadence. Among the exhibits are forty wooden statues, painted and gilt among which are the master pieces of Jacopo della Quercia and of the Cozzarelli, from the Siennese churches and the Convent of Monte Oliveto come magnificent books of miniature. The picture section is however the most complete, it has been formed without in any way disturbing that at the Academia well known to visitors to Sienna. Among the exhibits are works by Duccio and his school Simone di Martino Taddeo Bartoli the Lorenzetti Matteo di Giovanni and Sano di Pietro. Of the quattrocentists there are important work by Cozzarelli Pietro di Domenico Sodoma Beccafumi and Baltazare Perfuzzi. There is also a rich selection of designs by Sodoma and Beccafumi.

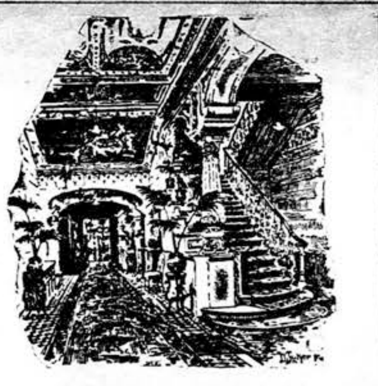
The marionette, more or less extinct in this country, has yet a considerable vogue at Liege, in Belgium, as is shown by a paper read at a recent meeting of the Verviers Archæological Society. It takes an unusual form—that of being absolutely motionless throughout the performance, with the exception of the head. Even the head is able to perform only one gesture, that of bending from right to left and back again, so that it appears to reply in the negative to any question that is put to it. This head-shaking, however, has one great excellence—by it the spectator is able to tell which of the marionettes is talking which, seeing that the same voice speaks for all, would otherwise be difficult. Marionette theatres abound in Liege and their repertory comprises a collection of strange romances of chivalry such as "Les Quatre Fils Aymon," the tales of Amadis the Gaul (one of Don Quixote's favourite heroes, by the way), or the legend of Tristan and Yseult. The characters, it is good to know, are in no danger of being mistaken for each other—their respective social position is gauged exactly by their physical stature. Thus Charlemagne is a head taller than any other character a king taller than a plain knight, and so on. It seems a pity that we cannot have marionette theatres here in England. They would be a great deal more interesting than some our present ones.

Those of us who are in the habit of considering Siberia in the light of a frozen desert may be surprised by the recently published figures dealing with the immigration of Russian peasants from European Russia. During the five years [illegible] 1901 the average numbers were 170,062. In 1902 it was 120,000 and in 1903 only 110,000. The figures for the present year are however, expected to show an upward tendency again and to reach 150,000. (It does not know whether the effects of the war are allowed for in this calculation.) To the recent years of famine is attributed the temporary decrease. While at the same time the Government does not regard the movement with an over favourable eye but the figures quoted show at least that the conditions in Siberia compare favourably in the peasant mind with those in European Russia. Whether that is saying much is another matter altogether.

An inquisitive French writer has been investigating the circulations of the newspapers of Paris with rather unexpected results in so far as some of the best known among them are concerned. At the head of the list of course comes the "Petit Parisien," with a circulation of 1,500,000. The "Petit Journal," has a little over 700,000. Four years ago, we are told, it stood at 1200,000, but its attitude towards the Dreyfus case has brought about a decline, which still continues. The Journal" has 750,000 the "Matin" 430,000. There is a big drop to the next on the list the "Echo de Paris," with 105,000. The 'Patrie" and the "Eclair" are each about 100,000, the "Presse" 70,000. The Anti-Semite "Libre Parole' and the "Intransigeant" about 68000 each. The "Temps" has only some 35,000 the "Figaro" 32,000, the "Gaulois" 18,000, the "Gil Blas" 10,000, the Republique Francaise 4,500, and the "Siecle" no more than 3,000, The daily sporting paper "L'Auto" has a circulation of 70,000. The present war has had a considerable effect in increasing the sales of some of these—notably the "Matin," which has gone up by some 30 000 in consequence.

Mexico has of late quite caught the infection of heroic engineering schemes. It is true that the latest owes its inception to a British colonial company hailing from Canada, but the scene of its energies is Mexico, to whom, therefore, some of the credit is due. The Canadian company in question is installing, a great system of water power and electric transmission in the State of Pueblo, ninety miles from the city of Meico. The engineers found that the town of Necaxa occupied a site particularly suitable for the necessary reservoir. Without more ado they purchased the town, which has a population of about a thousand, and moved it to another site where it would be out of thier way. All the buildings, which include a cathedral, were taken down and set up again in their new position. Nothing has been changed except the name, which from Necaxa has become Canadita.

PUNJAB native papers report the death of Mian Mahomed Buta, the master wrestler of India, known as Rustam-i-Hind. The deceased was as accomplished a courtier as a redoubtable wrestler. He was a great favourite of the late Maharaja Khande Rao of Baroda and of the Maharajas of Jodhpur, Oodeypore and Nursingarh. He visited Eupore in attendance on the last named Maharaja, and had the honour of being presented to her late Gracious Majesty. Mian Mahomed Buta, Pehlwan, was in receipt of an annual pension of Rs. 2,000 from the Baroda State. He has left two sons and a widow to mourn his loss. The sons are of a tender age, and the deceased, Rustam-i-Hind, making the signs of the time, put them to school instead of training them in his own profession.



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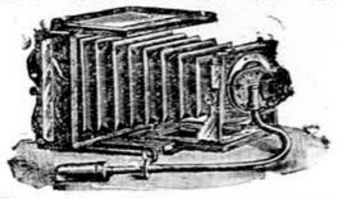

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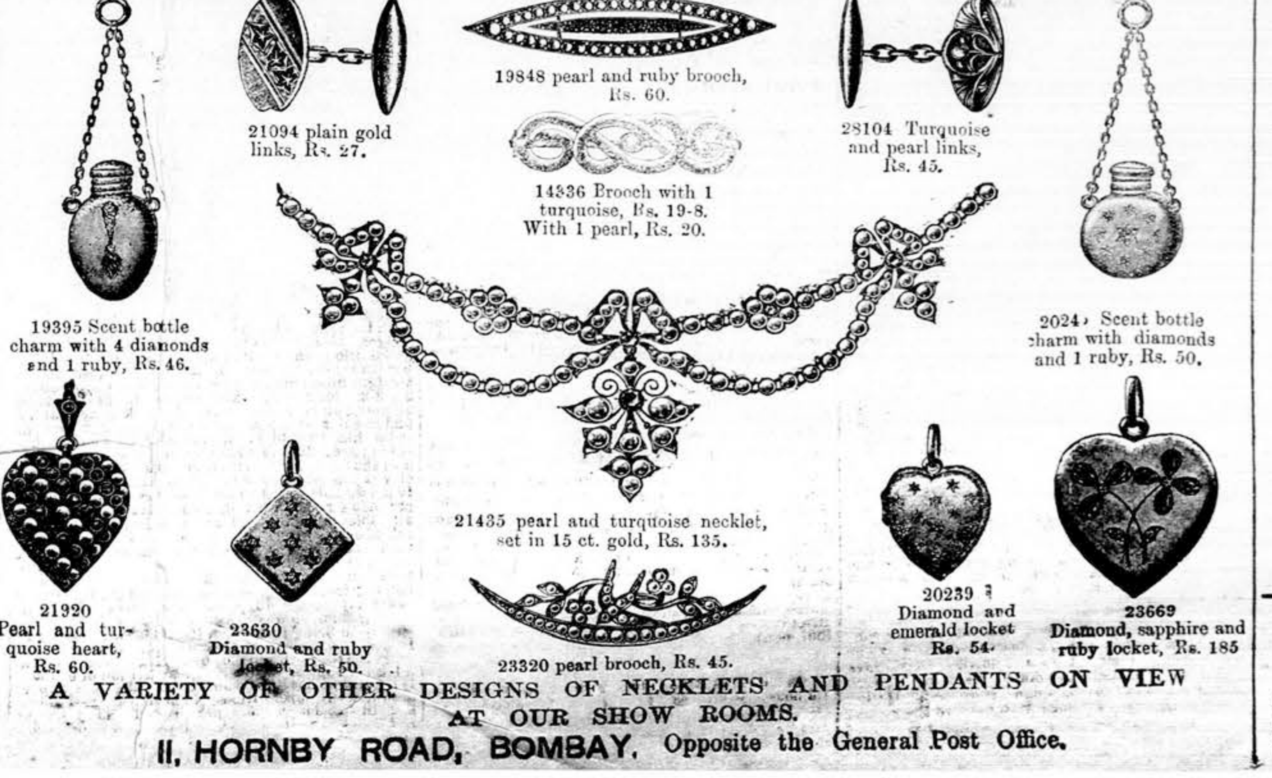

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It must have been purely from philanthropic motives that Mr. J. H. Leigh, who has always been so liberal with his opportunities for the students of Shakespeare to see their Master played, recently revived "The Two Gentleman of Verona," at the Court. It could not have been with the idea of making money, because there is no money in it, and therefore no money to make out of it. The times are against Shakespeare as a provider of entertainment and the production of his least interesting play by Mr. Leigh shows that we have in this actor a very substantial substitute for a State-aided theatre. Mr. Leigh, who played with much grip and finish the part of the Duke of Milan, has been ten years on the platform with Shakespeare, and during that time has given public readings of twelve of the immortal one's works. He recalls with some amusement a criticism of his reading of "Richard III.," which, appearing in the columns of a local newspaper, expressed the writer as a feeling that he (Mr. Leigh) was "well suited to the character infacial and some other respects." It was in leaving the readers in doubt as to the "some other respects," when comparing the actor with a man of bloody Richard's character that the fun came in. As a matter of fact, the face of Mr. Leigh "does" resemble what might be called the standard countenance of the Duke of Glo'ster, and it is not unlikely that the resemblance may come in handy in an event which is among the possibilities of the future.

Some time before Mr. J. H. Leigh went in for the Shakespeare readings, he was in the habit of offering his services, as a reciter of miscellaneous works, to the promoters of charity entertainments: and his anxiety to get some practice on the public platform would induce him now and then to give a Leigh Recital in exchange for the use of some local hall or other, the proceeds to be devoted to the cause for which the building existed. As a rule, his offer was very readily accepted. As an exception, it wasn't. Here is an amusing instance of an exception. Mr. Leigh wrote to the rector of a Cumberland village once, proposing to give one of his recitals in the school-room connected with the church. The Rector, unlike the Rev. Forbes Phillips, of Gorleston, was not a stage enthusiast, and his reply to the dramatic recitor was as follows: "Sir,—The charge for our room is 6s.6d I strongly advise you not to come, as I am quite sure you would be out of pocket.—Yours truly,——"

Mr. J. H. Leigh once had an experience in a small country town which left him with no exalted opinion of presidents of literary societies. He was giving a recital in connection with the intellectual operations of the so-called literary society of a village in the North, when it was discovered, half way through the evening, that the programme (which, by-the-way, had been selected for him) was many yards of excellent poetry too long. The audience having been promised so many pieces, and possibly being inclined, as some audiences are, to expect their money's worth, at all events in specified quantity, it occurred to the worthy president of the literary society that it rested with him, as the holder of so responsible a post, to make a suggestion. In due course, and after a whispering meeting of officialism at the foot of the platform, the president went round to Mr. Leigh, who was in what is labelled with much pride, for special occasions of the kind, "Artists' Room," and submitted his plan for overcoming the difficulty which faced them. "Now, there's that piece of Tennyson's, said the great man, with an airy assumption of familiarity with the poet's name; this thing, 'The Lord of Burleigh.' Wouldn't it be all right if you gave just every other verse?

The actor-lessee-and-manager at the Court is one of the most punctual of men with his appointments. He has only once broken faith with the public and this is how he came to assume, for one night only, the character of the "jibber." A terrible storm sprang up about half an hour before an entertainment of his was announced to begin, and people who had taken tickets for it remained at home with them, and those who hadn't looked the proper number of times (twice) at the weather, through the window, before they saw themselves going out to purchase any. But the fierce elements of storm were bravely faced four of Leigh's most ardent and most adventurous admirers. They arrived, however, in instalments, and left in the same way when they found the hall empty, so that when the fourth arrived and met the third coming out, Mr. Leigh though the time had come when he might, with some justification, announce from the platform that, as his entertainment was intended to be a public recital, and not a tete a tete, he would postpone it until a night less stormy outside.

Seven years ago an instantaneous succes was scored at the Prince of Wales's Theatre with "La Poupee," the principal players in the piece, a comic opera by MM. Ordonneau and Audran, being Mr. Willie Edouin, Miss Alice Favier, and Mr. Courtice Pounds. Seven days ago the same opera (the book of which was done in to English by Mr. Arthur Sturgess) was revived at the same theatre, amid the same manifestations of delight as those which cheered the heart of the management on the occasion of its first introduction to the London public. But Alice Favies, the pretty little French girl with the highly cultured and thorougly Parisian soprano, and Mr. Courtice Pounds, have given place to Miss Edna May and Mr. Roland Cunningham, and only Mr. Edouin remains in the cast to remined one of the famous trio which worked so hard, and so successfully, to make La Poupee the favourite plaything of Theatreland's cppacious toy-cupboard. But the original Hilarious, doll manufacturer and laughter-maker is a host in himself and if he were not the presence in the house of Miss May and Mr. Cunningham, to say nothing of Mr. Normand Salmond (the Father Maxime of the first production) and Mr. Charles Wibrow (the Baron Chanterelle as before) would certainly be welcomed as ample compensation for the short weight of the comedian's hospitality. Miss May has not the voice of her predeceseor in the part of the living doll, but she has improved astonishingly in her acting and it is hardly necessary to record that she looks very beautiful, with the beauty of La Poupee.

Mention of a lady so prominently connected with the extraordinary success of The Belle of New York as Miss Edna May reminds me to circulate the pleasant news that all the various couples in the provinces as well as in London, who sang When we are married did get married and within the respective seasons of their engagements in the popular American musical farce. The song is regarded now in "the profession" as the mascot of Hymen, and there are secret regrets that the piece is being carried on in England by only one company, which is at present in Liverpool. The amorous atmosphere surrounding the title of "The Love Birds, at the Savoy, has also a tendency to stimulate the marriage market. A few days ago Miss Addie Marze, one of the rarest specimens of the Savoy Ornithological Collection, hopped into the matrimonial cage with Mr. Raymond Cox, son of the well-known Mr. Harding Cox; and now it is whispered to me (by the proverbial little bird, of course.) that no less than three other young ladies from the great aviary on the Embankment are about to become mated to prominent London men. It is reassuring to know that all the brides will remain in the Savoy nest.

There are few character actresses in England, and Miss Alice Beet (Mrs. Frederick Volpe) has the distinction of being a prominent one in the conspicuously small number. Her talent for veiling her personality with the material of the author is not, in "Saturday to Monday" at the St. James's, made the best use of by Messrs. Frederick Fenn and Richard Pryce; but the comparatively slight part she is now playing serves at least to recall to one's mind the very excellent work—the work of a genuine dramatic student—she has done in other directions. In "All on Account of Eliza," at the Shaftesbury, Miss Alice Beet's performance as the ringleader of a body of village scandal-mongers was certainly the most consistent and lifelike sketch in the whole production. Miss Beet is not, as a London critic has written of her, afraid to make herself "most realistically unpleasant." Like the late Miss Sophie Larkin, she does not mince matters when cast for the unlovable women of plays' and it is this whole hearted way she has of throwing herself into "ugly parts" which put her on record both in the American and the English Press, as the best Charity Pecksniff ever remembered to have been seen. Another of Mrs. Volpe's successes of character (pleasant character this time, but character very strong) was her Ellie Procter, the "guid Scotch body in Mr. E. S. Willard's beautiful productions of The Professor's Love Story.

A word or two more about The Two Gentlemen of Verona, but not of the Court production. Who would think that it is now nearly twenty years ago that the comedy was performed by the following young people of our stage? It seems incredible, but I have the programme by me, and there is no dodging Time and the truth. It was a summer afternoon in 1885 and the place—then not the coolest place for July sport—was the Vaudeville. The actors and actresses who produced The Two Gentlemen on that afternoon made up an organisation of players known as The Dramatic Students, and here are their names, together with their occupations for that single matinee: Mr Charles Charrington the Ibsenite, was the Duke of Milan, Valentine was played by Mr Bernard Gould (Bernard Partridge the famous "Punch") Mr Charles Fulton, now the leading man at Wyndham's Theatre, in The Sword of the King, was Proteus; Thurio was represented by Mr. Mark Ambient, who long since left off acting to write plays; Mr. Courtenay Thorpe, an actor little known to London, was the chivalrous Sir Eglamour, Mr. Ben Greet to-day one of the most successful runners of Shakespearian companies in England appeared as Launce; the Speed was by a Mr. Besley (unknown to me then and now), Mr. Hayden Coffin, the hero of The Cingalee took the small part of Panthino, poor little Rose Norreys was the sweetest Silvia imaginable, Miss Annie Webster (now Mrs. Sydney Brough) was Julia and Julia's serving woman, Lucetta, was played and played I remember, admirably, by Mis May Whitty, whose husband Mr. Ben Wensten is also distinguishing himself in The Sword of the King. It was a very interesting afternoon from the student's point of view but I remember, the late Cecil Howard who was reviewing the show for The Theatre saying that the play was the worst constructed one he had ever seen, and that he was not going to apologise for the lateness of his conclusion.

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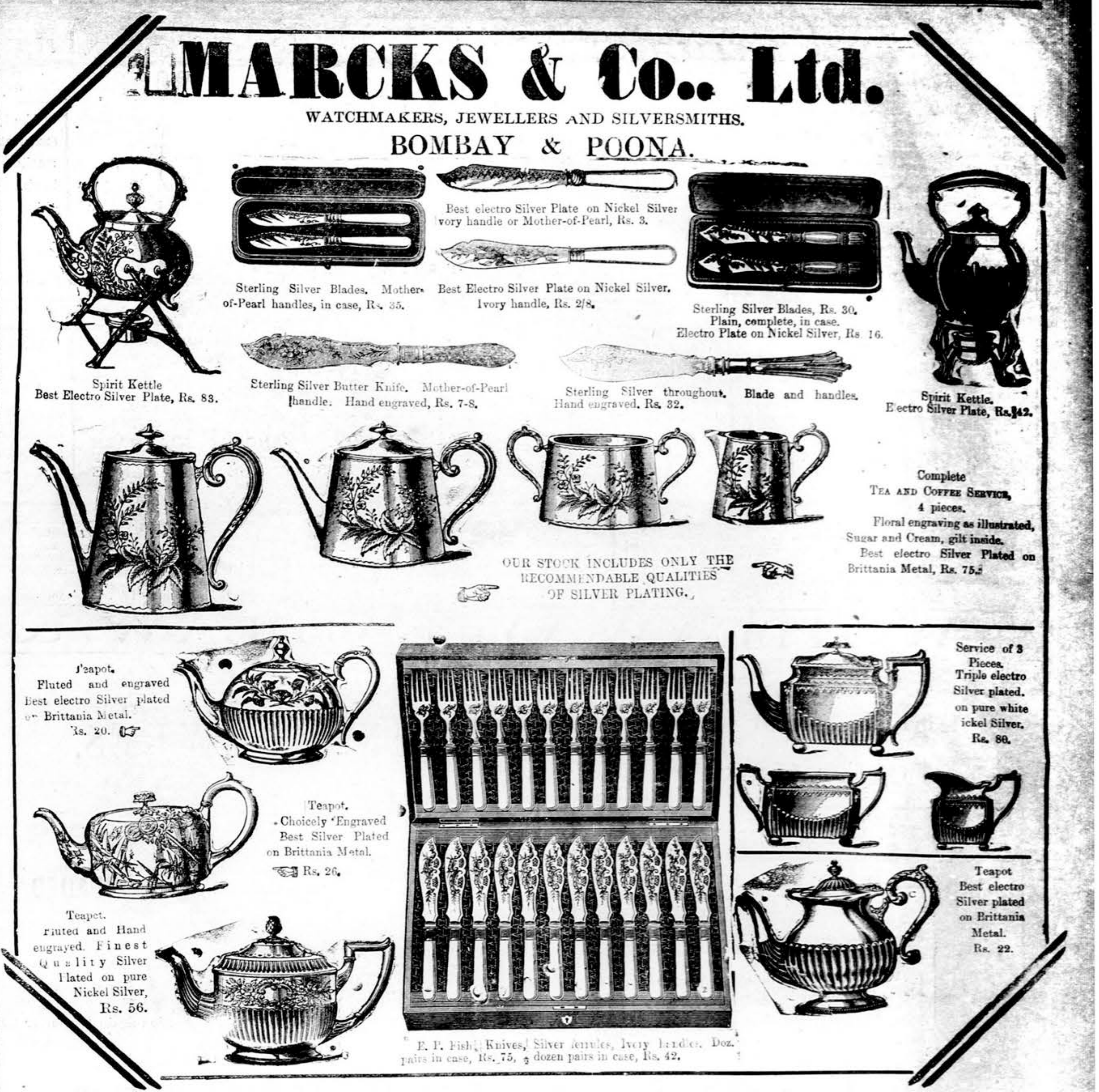

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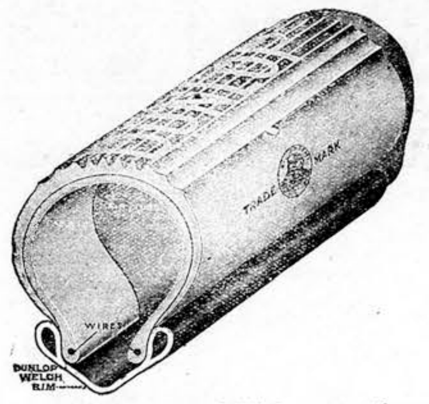

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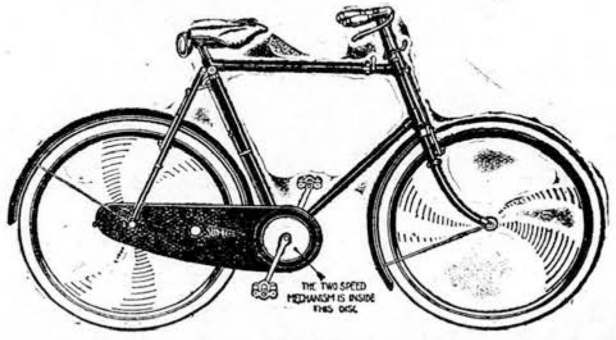
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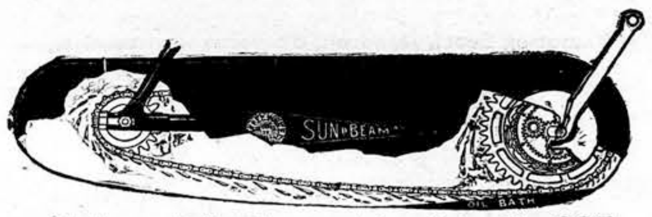

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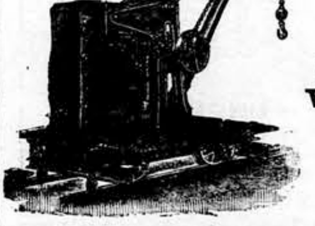

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